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Finnish High Command Continues Optimistic

WORST WILL SOON BE OVER

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HELSINKI, TO-DAY.
DESPITE THE EXTREME DIFFICULTIES OF THE PRESENT STRUGGLE, THE FINNISH HIGH COMMAND REMAINS OPTIMISTIC.

Finnish military experts believe the worst will soon be over, as the Soviet will not be able to maintain the enormous pressure they are now exerting on the Karelian Isthmus.

BALKAN HARMONIES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

BUCHAREST, TO-DAY.
FURTHER HOPES FOR BALKAN CO-OPERATION ARE SEEN IN THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE RUMANIAN FINANCE MINISTER, M. CONSTANTINESCU, IS GOING TO SOFIA, THE BULGARIAN CAPITAL, ON WEDNESDAY NEXT.

No details are given but it is believed the Ministers will discuss a solution of pending economic and financial questions, thus paving the way for a Bulgaro-Rumanian rapprochement.—Havas.

ITALIAN SHIP'S LOSS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Genoa, To-day.
The 5,649 Italian freighter Giorgio Ohlsen, which sank after hitting a mine off the East Coast of England, was on the way to Newcastle on the northern route, outside British territorial waters.

She was to have taken a cargo of coal on board at Newcastle, for the Italian railways, and was the third Italian ship to fall victim to a German mine.—Havas.

RAILWAY NOT HIT IN NEW BOMBING

Chungking, To-day.
French sources here report that the Japanese bombing of the Hal-phong-Yunnanfu railway on Tuesday caused no damage and the bridge was not hit.

Chinese circles, commenting on the Japanese report that a Japanese bomber made a "suicide dive towards the bridge," point out that the machine crashed at Wenshan, about 15

WOULD EXCITE TO AN EXTREME POINT

Washington, To-day.
Senator Pittman, speaking on the German threat to torpedo all neutral ships entering British ports or controlling bases, said that if Germany carried out the threat as far as American ships were concerned, they would excite the country perhaps to an extreme point.—Reuter.

The Soviet command must soon replace units now fighting on the Isthmus and will face the unpleasant problem of how to jam 800,000 men in the narrow stretch of land.

Thus the Finns will at last enjoy a respite.

The Finns realise, however, that the Russians will not give up and for the sake of prestige will renew the attack.—Havas.

18 Miles From Viborg

Helsinki, To-day.
As a result of the withdrawal of the Finns from their forward positions, the Red Army is now reported to be within 18 miles of Viborg (Viipuri).—Reuter.

Week To Smash Through Given By Stalin

Washington, To-day.
A determined effort to break the Mannerheim Line and the defences in Finland by February 23, 22nd anniversary of the founding of the Red Army, has been ordered by Moscow, diplomatic quarters in Washington state.

This attempt to erase the present blot on its history is responsible for the present rain of shot and shell.

Military circles in Washington have reluctantly come to the conclusion that, barring a miracle, the Finns must soon yield to overwhelming force. Human bravery cannot for ever make up for numerical weakness, they say, and the Soviets outnumber the Finns 50 to 1.

According to reports from Moscow, Stalin, incensed, and his prestige shaken by the Soviet losses in Finland and the showing displayed by the Red Army against the Finns, may "sacrifice" Molotov and Voroshilov.—Reuter.

Spain Urges Assistance

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Madrid, To-day.
All the newspapers urge immediate assistance to the Finns, expressing the fear that Finland will be unable to hold the Soviet onslaught if help does not arrive immediately.

The influential "Alcazar" states: "The Western Powers must remember that Finland's defeat will be the prelude to a more extensive aggression against the moral and material interests of Europe, and that there exists to-day a magnificent occasion to finish, once and for all by granting serious assistance to the Finns."—Havas.



The sea-lions at the London Zoo did not mind the recent Arctic weather. Here is a picture during the great freeze-up showing how the Arctic came to London. (Air Mail. Copyright).

GOERING PARADOX

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.
POLITICAL CIRCLES HERE, COMMENTING ON FIELD-MARSHAL GOERING'S SPEECH, CONSIDER ESPECIALLY SIGNIFICANT THE FACT THAT HE DID NOT REFER TO THE VAST SUPPLIES OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE GERMANY IS ALLEGED TO BE OBTAINING FROM RUSSIA FOLLOWING THE ECONOMIC AGREEMENT ON FEBRUARY 11.

It is pointed out that Field-Marshal Goering insisted on the necessity of producing the necessary foodstuffs in Germany itself at the very moment when all the German newspapers pretend that the problem of raw materials and foodstuffs has been solved.—Havas.

NAZIS ROUSE ANGER

OSLO, TO-DAY.
FURTHER SINKING OF NORWEGIAN SHIPS BY U-BOATS IS BUILDING UP A BITTER SPIRIT OF RESENTMENT AGAINST GERMANY.

The "Bergen Tidende" says that it is time the Scandinavian countries took united action.

A strong protest can now be registered through the medium of the Scandinavian attitude to the German trade delegations in the different capitals.

How far, asks the journal, does Germany think she can push the neutrals?—Reuter.

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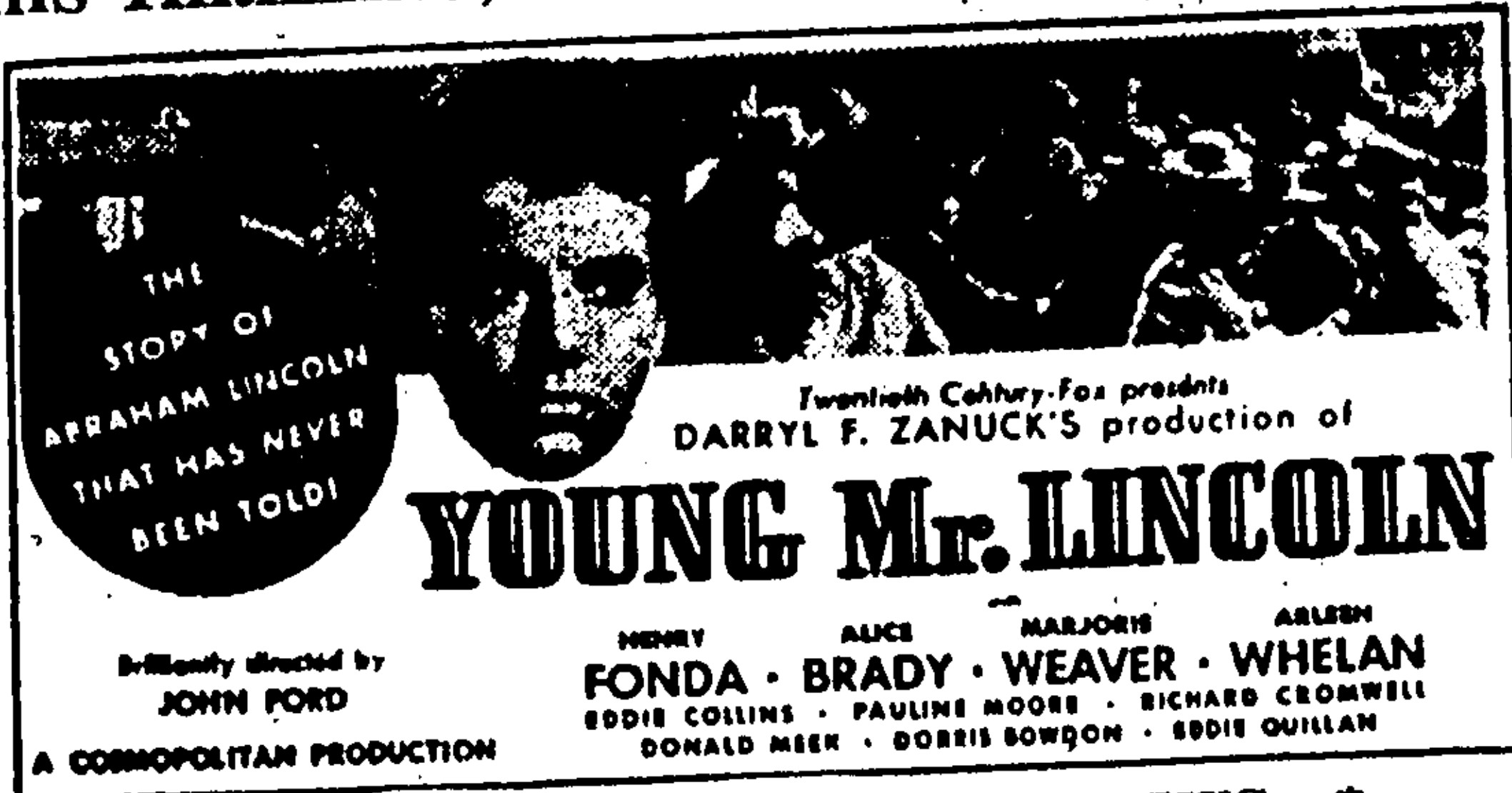
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HEAVY SNOWFALLS IN FRANCE

Paris, To-day.

HEAVY SNOWFALLS have reduced all movement to a minimum on the western front; the weather, however, is now slightly less cold. Air activity is at a complete standstill owing to bad visibility.

Two incidents, both west of the Saar, were reported yesterday in French Army communiques.

At one point, at the corner of a wood, the Germans tried to raid a French post but the first burst of fire sent them hurrying back.

At nightfall a German patrol which had approached too near one of the French posts was dispersed by French fire and left some men on the ground.

Last night's French communique said merely: "There is nothing important to report." — Reuter.

NO SECRET SESSION DISCLOSURE

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE PRIME MINISTER, IN REPLY TO A QUESTION IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY, SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT THERE HAD BEEN NO DISCLOSURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS IN THE HOUSE IN THE RECENT SECRET SESSION.

It would be evident to any member who was present that the article on the proceedings in the "Hamburger Fremdenblatt" (purporting to give an account of what transpired) was not based on any authentic information regarding what was then said but was published for purely propaganda purposes. — Reuter.

Mr. Davidson interjected, amid laughter, that if the article was not accurate, was it not much more interesting than what actually occurred. — British Wireless.

FRENCH ARMY ACQUIRES 500 NEW TANKS

Paris, To-day.

Five hundred tanks, ranging from "babies" of two tons to 32-ton monsters, were officially handed over to the French Army by M. Dautry, Minister of Armaments, "somewhere in France" yesterday. — Reuter.

400 PRIESTS UNDER ARREST

Four hundred Roman Catholic priests are now in German concentration camps, according to the French wireless. Most are said to be employed on road-making.

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COTTON INDUSTRY TO CONCENTRATE ON EXPORT TRADE

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THE HOUSE OF LORDS yesterday passed the second reading of the Cotton Industry Bill, which is designed to promote the export trade.

Lord Templemore, introducing the measure, said that exports in the cotton trade were especially vital in war-time, since exports of cotton goods were greater than any other single manufacturing industry.

The Bill provided for the establishment of a Cotton Industry Board, whose main purpose was to assist the export trade and also to deal with market research and propaganda.

Prices, as far as necessary, would be controlled by an Order made by the Minister of Supply.

The Bill provides for a levy on spinners and also for payments to the Empire Cotton Growing Corporation amounting to one penny in respect of each 500 lbs. of cotton.

Lord Templemore, concluding, said the Cotton Act of 1939 was found too elaborate for wartime conditions.

GOODS IN BULK

Lord Strabolgi pointed out that we might have to export cotton goods in bulk as the need for foreign exchange grew and our necessary imports increased. We might have to take far-reaching steps to sell cotton goods abroad, and the present Bill might not be enough.

He hoped the Government was already thinking about greater machinery to help exports in relation to barter and pre-emption. — Reuter.

20,000 JAPANESE CASUALTIES

Chungking, To-day.

The Chinese claim that they are converging on Nanning, in Kwangsi province, after defeating the Japanese and forcing them to retreat through narrow foothills after a battle in which Japanese casualties totalled 20,000. Chinese losses were also considerable.

The Chinese also claim that artillery units shelled Japanese transports and warships on the Yangtze River, scoring a number of hits. — Reuter.

ASSURANCE TEN TIMES SURE

Surprise was felt by the lieutenant commanding a French front line detachment when he found that every day one of his men received 10 letters in the same handwriting.

The censor through whose hands they passed had also remarked upon it. Discreet inquiries were made by the commanding officer.

The explanation proved to be simple. "My wife," the soldier said, "has been told that only one letter in 10 arrives. So she writes every letter 10 times."

French thrift did not stand in the way. Letters the French folk address to their soldiers at the front do not need a stamp.

BRITISH LOSSES IN NAVAL TRAWLERS

London, To-day.

The Secretary to the Admiralty regrets to announce a list of 31 casualties as the result of the loss of H. M. Trawlers Robert Bowen and Fort Royal, reported sunk on February 9.

The list comprises one officer killed and three missing presumed killed, and seventeen ratings missing presumed killed.—British Wireless.

FRENCH COMMUNISTS SENT TO PRISON

Paris, To-day.

Nine Communists were sentenced yesterday to terms from one to five years imprisonment by a military court for carrying on Communist propaganda.

They include the Mayor of Bigneux and three municipal councillors.—Reuter.

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Five U-Boats Destroyed In A Week: Drama Off Norway

Oslo, To-day.

ACCORDING TO THE BERGEN correspondent of the "Aftenbladet" a U-boat blew up and sank apparently as the result of action by a British destroyer before the submarine could fire a torpedo with which she intended to sink a Norwegian vessel.

The crew of the Norwegian ship, and 33 survivors of the Norwegian motor-vessel Snestad, which they had rescued, had already taken to the boats; but when the submarine sank they returned on board and brought the ship safely to Bergen yesterday.

The Snestad, of 4,114 tons, was bound for America and was torpedoed on Sunday after the crew were warned to take to the boats.

They were picked up next day by another Norwegian vessel. — Reuter.

A Havas message which points out that the sinking of this U-boat makes the fifth Nazi submarine loss in a single week, says that the destruction has not been officially claimed yet by the British Admiralty.

BAIL IN TICKET CASE

Renewing his application of bail on behalf of a client, Mr. M. K. Lo claimed before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning that defendant, who was not charged with an offence under the Felony Section, was fully entitled to bail.

The case concerns Chu Siu-po, 31, a cinema booking office cashier, who is charged with uttering a forged ticket. Yesterday the police opposed bail on the ground that the prosecution had not completed their investigation.

Det.-Sgt. N. B. Fraser said that further charges would be preferred against Chu; probably for a similar offence on a different date and a general charge of conspiracy. The police, continued the Sergeant, had no objection to bail at the present moment.

Bail of \$500 was allowed.

MR. P. J. SANTOS COMMENDED

Mrs. M. J. Rull, of No. 24, Jordan Road, was the victim of a handbag snatcher last night in Nathan Road. Mr. P. J. Santos, of Chi Woo Street, chased the snatcher into Nanking Street and arrested him.

This morning, Wong Ng-tung, 34, was sentenced to three months' hard labour and Mr. Santos was commended by the Magistrate.

TRAFFIC OFFENDERS

Before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, Mr. F. Buckle of the Education Department, was fined \$5 for allowing his car to remain longer than necessary in Des Voeux Road Central.

A similar fine was imposed on Mr. H. J. Tebbutt, of St. George's Building, for parking overtime in Chater Road.

Sub-Inspector F. J. Clarke prosecuted.

IRAQIAN FINED

An Iraqi, Sooren Topalian, described as an aviation company representative, was charged before Mr. R. Edwards this morning, with failing to report his arrival in the Colony within the prescribed period.

Det.-Sergeant Headridge told the Court that defendant arrived from Manila by plane on February 8, and did not notify the Police until he went to the Registration Office yesterday.

A fine of \$10 was imposed.

BRITISH ARMY DOUBLED

London, To-day.

British Army strength is double what it was one year ago.

This, with other interesting figures, was authentically disclosed yesterday.

Excluding the Indian Army, which is 150,000 strong, the Army in January, 1939, consisted of 600,000 men serving in Regular, Territorial and Reserve Forces.

To-day, the number is 1,250,000. Immense as are the supplies of man-power available under the Compulsory Service Regulations, the increase in the year is only due in a smaller part to the classes called up, for it is pointed out that over 150,000 volunteers have joined the Army since the outbreak of war while little difficulty has been experienced in completing the territorial establishments.

The personnel of the latter rose by over 289,000 in the 3 years since 1936. These figures do not include the great increase in the strength of the Empire Army, nor take in account the recruitment to the Colonial Forces. — British Wireless.

DEANNA DURBIN TOPS POLL

Youth has captured the cinema box-office, according to a poll conducted by the Motion Picture Herald.

The three stars who brought in most money in Britain in 1939 are Deanna Durbin, Mickey Rooney and Shirley Temple. In America, Mickey Rooney led the list, followed by Tyrone Power, Spencer Tracy and Clark Gable.

George Formby is again the most popular British star, with Gracie Fields second.

The lists of money-making stars according to this poll, are:

Britain.—Deanna Durbin, Mickey Rooney, Shirley Temple, Robert Taylor, Jeanette MacDonald, Spencer Tracy, Errol Flynn, George Formby, Nelson Eddy, Gary Cooper.

America.—Mickey Rooney, Tyrone Power, Spencer Tracy, Clark Gable, Shirley Temple, Bette Davis, Alice Faye, Errol Flynn, James Cagney, Sonja Henie.

British Stars only.—George Formby, Gracie Fields, Robert Donat, Will Hay, Anna Neagle, Leslie Howard, Charles Laughton, Gordon Harker, Ralph Richardson, Will Fyfe.

In the Western class William Boyd gallops a short head in front of Gene Aubrey the crooning cowboy.

BLIZZARD HITS NEW ENGLAND

New York, To-day.

Ten have been killed at Boston and scores injured and thousands marooned as the result of the worst blizzard New England has experienced for years.

Conditions are chaotic; streets are blocked with thousands of stranded motorcars.

A fish market which is the largest in the world has closed. Men are skimming through the streets.

Mountainous snowdrifts throughout the countryside are rendering many roads impassable.

Thirty-eight thousand street cleaners in New York are digging the city out of an eight-foot snowfall.

Traffic is heavily disrupted and thousands were unable to get to their offices. Eight people have been killed in the metropolitan area.

CINEMA "DOSS-HOUSE"

At Providence, Rhode Island, 600 patrons of a cinema were snow-bound and accepted the manager's invitation to stay in the theatre for the night.

Altogether there have been 38 deaths resulting from weather conditions in the Eastern States. — Reuter.

MORE THAN SCORE DEAD

New York, To-day.

More than a score dead have already been found in the wake of a howling blizzard which hit the Eastern and Atlantic States and drifted out into the Atlantic early yesterday.

By mid-morning, a score of bodies had been found and it was thought that this figure would have risen to at least 30 by nightfall.

A great deal of damage was done to property. — Reuter.

APPEAL TO PRIVY COUNCIL

The application by the Dairen Kisen Kaisha and others for leave to appeal to the Privy Council against the winding-up order in the Ching Kee Steamship Navigation Co. case, was granted this morning by Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell and Mr. Justice J. A. Fraser.

The Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, instructed by Mr. H. J. Armstrong, was for the appellants, and Mr. H. C. Macnamara, instructed by Mr. D. L. Strellett, for the respondents.

Mr. d'Almada said that the grounds of appeal were set out in the application and added that in view of the great general public importance of the case, it ought to be submitted to His Majesty in Privy Council for decision.

The application was granted on condition that the usual procedure be followed, that preparation of the appeal be completed within three months and that the usual bond of \$5,000 be forthcoming.

ITALIAN STEAMER SUNK BY MINE

Rome, To-day.

According to the official Italian news agency the Italian cargo-steamer Giorgio Ohlsen sank off the coast of Great Britain on Wednesday after striking a mine.

She was a vessel of 5,694 tons and had a crew of 32. — Reuter.

SUMMER TIME IN FEBRUARY

Paris, To-day.

It is announced that in agreement with the British Government Summer Time will be re-established at 2 a.m. on Feb. 25. — Reuter.

BRUTAL BEATING

GAOL FOR OLD WOMAN

Bearing 48 visible cane marks on her back and legs, a 10-year-old girl, Lam Fung, was presented at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning in a case in which her custodian, Chan Yan-kui, 73, widow, was charged with ill-treating her.

Inspector W. H. Fraser, of the S.C.A., put the girl on a chair in front of the Magistrate, Mr. Macfadyen and pointed out the numerous heavy red marks. The girl was found wandering in the street on Wednesday.

The girl told the police that she was beaten when she accidentally broke a dish and a rice bowl. She was sold to the widow last year as an adopted daughter.

The widow, who appeared on \$250 bail, was said to have been in the Colony for the last 37 years. She must have been fully aware of the Law.

Sentencing the widow to a month's imprisonment, the Magistrate remarked that he did not feel a fine would do any good.

DANISH TRIBUTE TO THE R.A.F.

IN AN ARTICLE OF OVER 2,000 WORDS, ENTITLED "THE LION HAS WINGS," THE LONDON CORRESPONDENT OF THE COPENHAGEN "NATIONAL TIDENDE," MR. BLVTT-GEN-PETERSEN, PAYS STRIKING TRIBUTE TO THE SPEED AND EFFICIENCY OF BRITAIN'S AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION.

In the headline British aeroplane factories are described as "gigantic" and as working at "a hair-raising tempo." The correspondent, who has toured many miles of factories, writes, "I received a picture of a truly 'American' tempo which is being pursued throughout Britain's air rearmament both in regard to aircraft production and the training of human personnel."

The strategic placing of Vickers Wellington bombers in various parts of the Empire, adds the correspondent, enable them "to patrol the whole world."

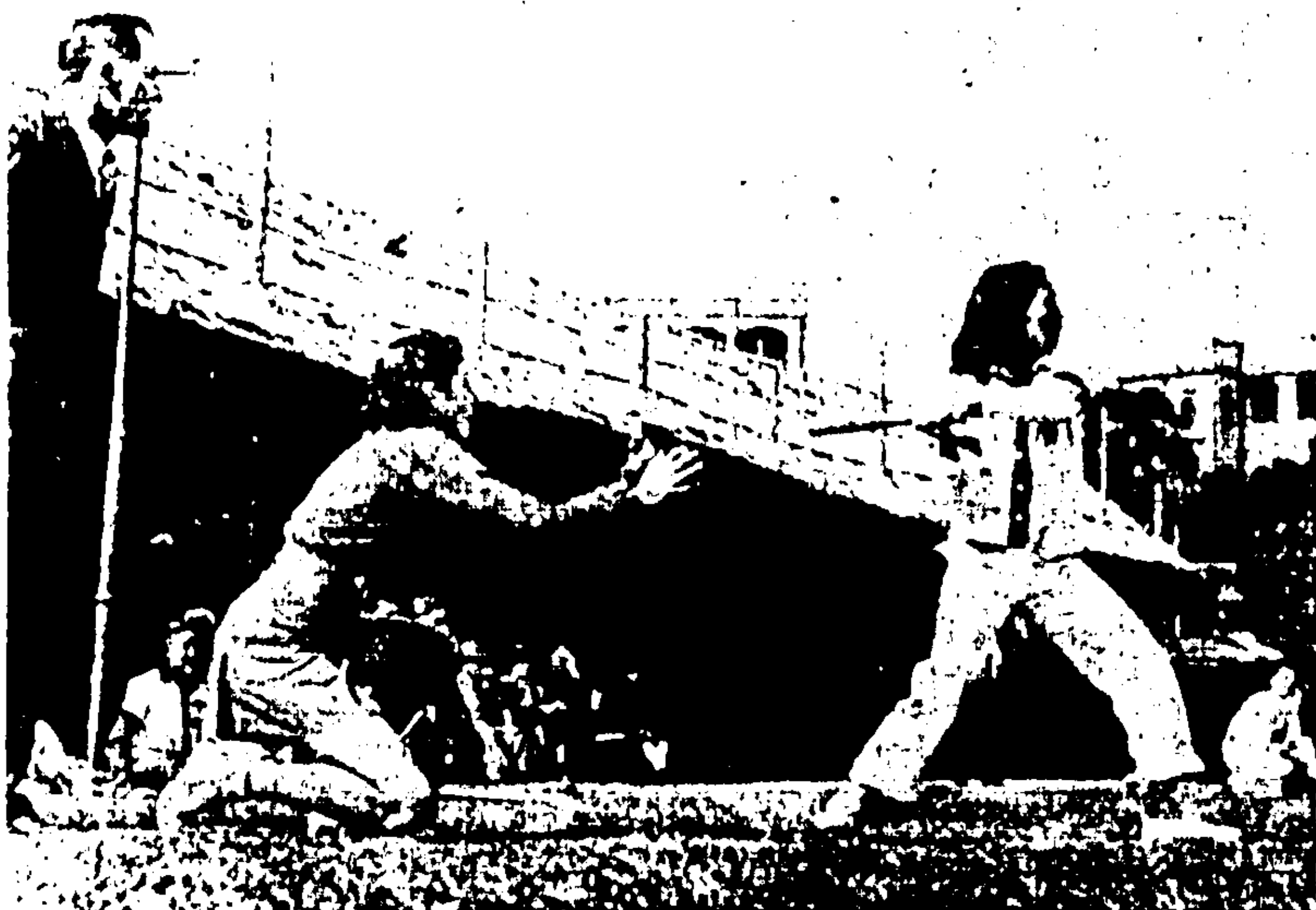
AUGUSTUS JOHN IN ACADEMY AGAIN

London, To-day.

Augustus John, who resigned from the Royal Academy in April, 1938, as a protest against the Academy's rejection of a portrait by Wyndham Lewis, was yesterday re-elected a Royal Academician. — Reuter.



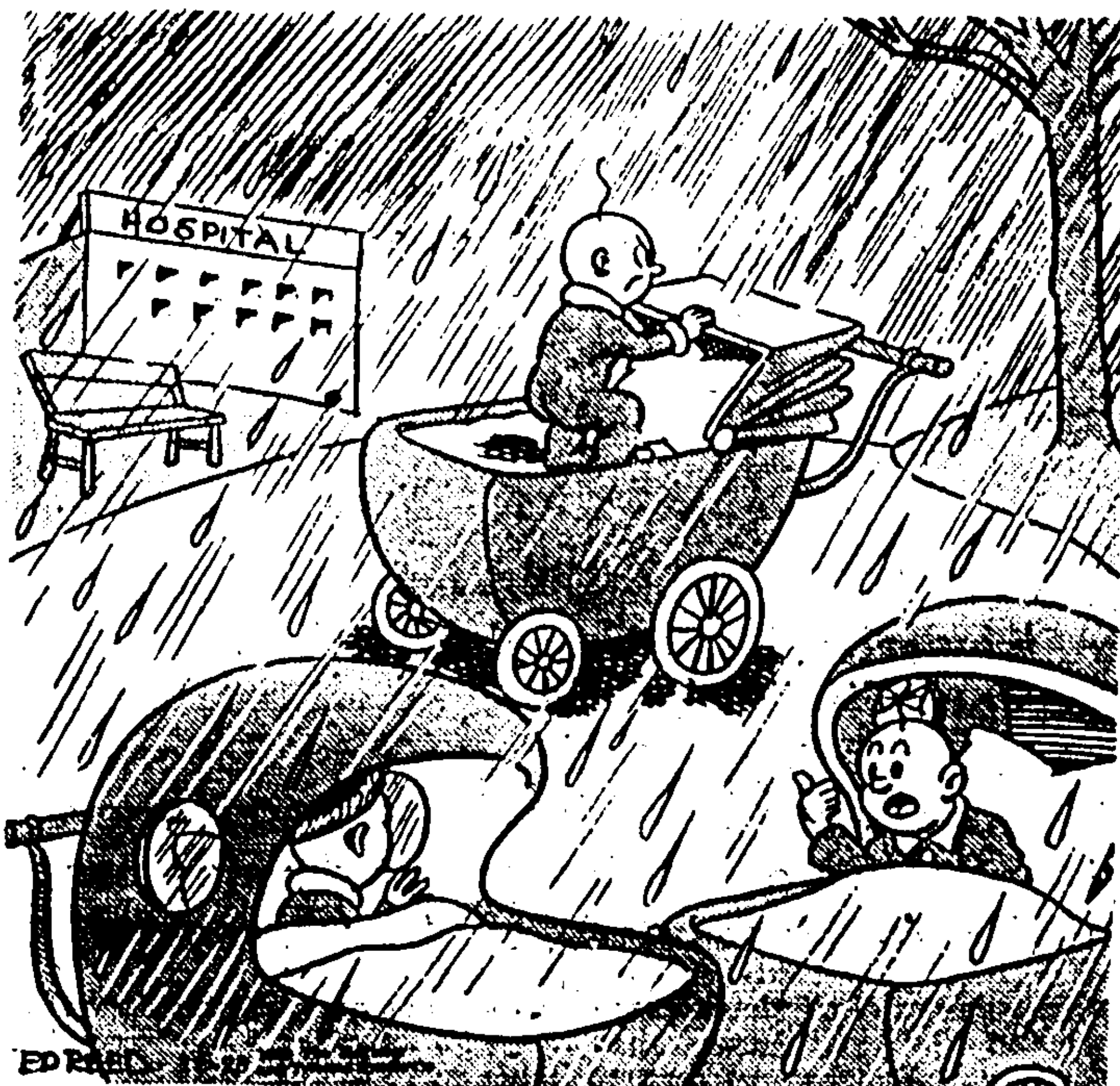
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A scene during the girls' softball charity game last Sunday at Kowloon Football Club.

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GERMANY'S THREATS

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London, To-day.

GERMANY'S THREAT to torpedo all neutral ships which appear to be bound for Britain or which are approaching British contraband control bases causes no surprise in official circles in London, Reuter learns.

These circles have known for a long time that the Germans have been subjecting neutral ships to this procedure under these very circumstances.

Only difference now is that the Germans are openly boasting of their intention and capacity to sink neutral ships without warning — doubtless in an endeavour to frighten all neutral vessels away from the North Sea, the Channel, the Bay of Biscay and the Atlantic approaches to Britain and France entirely.

BROAD THREAT

This is tantamount to a demand that the Scandinavian nations and Holland and Belgium should cease sending out their ships altogether, since the German threat is so broad that it would menace shipping on any seas which give access to the Western Powers.

There is every confidence in official circles in London that no neutral will be deterred by this threat. — Reuter.

U.S. On "Law Of Retaliation" Claim

NEW YORK, TO-DAY. THE STATEMENT OF SENATOR KEY PITTMAN PLAYED UP IN THE "NEW YORK HERALD-TRIBUNE," BLAMING BRITAIN FOR THE GERMAN THREAT AGAINST NEUTRAL SHIPS, WAS SUPPORTED BY THE ARGUMENT THAT ENGLAND COULD REMOVE THE DANGER OF GERMAN ATTACK BY ENDING THE PRACTICE OF TAKING AMERICAN MERCHANTMEN INTO CONTROL PORTS.

According to another report Senator Pittman stated: "Germany is evidently claiming to act under the law of retaliation."

"She says she will violate international law on the grounds that it is necessary to protect herself against Britain illegally attempting to confiscate goods as contraband in American vessels." — Reuter.

Serious Verbal Protest By Netherlands

The Hague, To-day.

It is learned that the Netherlands Government has made a serious verbal protest to the German Government pending the despatch of a written communication concerning the torpedoing of the Burgerdijk.

It is understood the Netherlands will demand full compensation.

It is stated in authoritative circles that although the possibility of the commander of the U-boat having acted contrary to his instructions is not excluded, this will not free the German Government of its responsibility for an "absolutely unjustifiable act." — Reuter.

United States To Seek Berlin Clarification

Washington, To-day.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, told the press yesterday that the United States Embassy in Berlin was seeking clarification of the German press statement to the effect that any

neutral vessel, including American, en route to an Allied port or control station will be considered a "fair prize" for U-boats.

Referring to the reported British statement that Britain would offer convoy protection to all neutrals as result of the German threat, Mr. Cordell Hull stated that acceptance of convoy would naturally decrease the risks for merchantmen but he declined to indicate the attitude of the States in this connection. — Reuter.

GERMANY'S REPLY ON SAFETY ZONE

Berlin, To-day.

The German Government has replied to the note of the 21 American republics regarding the formation of the 300-mile safety zone around the Americas.

The German reply states that only if the British and French attitude is revised could Germany see any hope of discussing the zone plan.

The Allies, it will be recalled, while approving the plan in principle, asked for guarantees that enemy raiders and merchant ships should not be allowed to use the zone as a shield to avoid legitimate capture.

The Germans now claim that this reply shows that the Allies are, from the very beginning, disposing of the fundamental idea of the security zone.

Berlin also rejects a protest against actions taken by Nazi warships. The protest was sent to Britain, France and Germany in connection with the Graf Spee battle off the River Plate, an action which, it was considered, was one of those imperilling the safety zone.

Germany is prepared to enter on a further exchange of views on the subject. — Reuter.

LORD LOTHIAN SEES MR. HULL

New York, To-day.

Lord Lothian, the British Ambassador, has had a long talk with Secretary of State Cordell Hull, as a result of which progress is being made on plans to keep U.S. ships from being sent to British control bases within the war area.

It is hoped to arrange for a control base outside the area. — Reuter.

Mrs. G. S. Wilson, of Police Bungalow, Taipei, has reported the loss of a gold and jade finger ring valued at \$50.

EMBARGO QUESTION POLICY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

With reference to the indefinite postponement by the Senate foreign relations committee of embargo measures against Japan, political circles believe the committee will resume the discussions should Japan commit new acts of discrimination against the United States. — Havas.

NORWEGIAN SHIP SUNK BY U-BOAT

London, To-day.

Bringing the total of neutral shipping losses in the past three days to almost 12, a Norwegian ship of 1,500 tons, the Ikar has been torpedoed in the North Sea by a U-boat.

Over half the neutral ships sunk in the past few days have been torpedoed, while one, an Italian vessel, struck a mine on the normal shipping route outside British waters. The mine was moored.

The new German policy, announced yesterday, has aroused a fresh wave of protest and indignation among neutral countries.

The Amsterdam paper "Telegraaf" comments that the Nazis are evidently hoping to force the neutrals to resist the British contraband control. Their actions are quite unjustifiable and are insulting to the Netherlands Government. — Reuter.

CAPTAIN'S STORY OF U-BOAT OUTRAGE

Amsterdam, To-day.

The captain of the Netherlands ship Burgerdijk, sunk by the Nazis last Saturday, issued a full statement on the sinking of his ship yesterday.

He emphasized yet again that all the ships cargo was either destined for the Netherlands Government or to Netherlands firms. In New York, he told the British Consul that he would not diverge from the direct route to Rotterdam unless forced.

On Saturday afternoon, he was stopped by a U-boat, which called for the ship's papers. When the Chief Officer took them across, however, the U-boat commander said:—

"Papers don't interest me! I must sink you!"

He ignored the Chief Officer's assurances that the ship would not go into a British port unless compelled to by a warship.

He ordered the Burgerdijk to send out a radio message saying that she had been involved in a collision and the crew were then ordered into the boats.

The Burgerdijk was then torpedoed and sank in flames. — Reuter.

LIGHTSHIP ADRIFT

New York, To-day.

The Diamond Shoals Lightship, off Cape Hatteras, went adrift at 8.55 p.m. E.S.T. on Wednesday and is still loose. — Reuter.

SOFIA POLITICAL CRISIS CAUSES SURPRISE

Sofia, To-day.

FOLLOWING THE RESIGNATION of the Premier, M. Kiosseivanov, King Boris has entrusted M. Bogdan Filoff, the Education Minister in the outgoing Cabinet, to form a new Government. Foreign observers consider M. Kiosseivanov's resignation as a very important development, occurring as it does at a very tense moment.

The Kiosseivanov Government constantly proved its moderation; it laid the basis for a Balkan rapprochement and resisted Soviet influence which, since the European war, has been trying to induce Bulgaria to come out publicly with her territorial claims.

It is recalled that the Turkish Foreign Minister, M. Sarajoglu, when he stopped in Sofia on the way to the Balkan Entente conference in Belgrade, obtained from M. Kiosseivanov an assurance that Bulgaria would postpone her territorial demands till the end of the European war.

This guarantee had an important effect on the Balkan Entente confer-

ence, and decided the Entente nations to re-affirm their mutual assistance pact.

BULGARIAN GUARANTEE
Later on, M. Sarajoglu received Sofia's assurance that Bulgaria would not attack Rumania in the case of Soviet aggression against Bessarabia.

The way was thus open to a Balkan rapprochement, and observers are still unable to see the reason for and the meaning of M. Kiosseivanov's resignation.

Italy's position and the influence Rome holds over Bulgaria will probably play a very important part in the evolution of the present ministerial crisis. — Havas.

Thrilling Story Of Graf Spee Battle

SALVO'S HAVOC AMONG EXETER GUN CREWS

LONDON, TO-DAY.
COMMANDER ROBERT R. GRAHAM, OF H.M.S. EXETER, WHICH ARRIVED IN PLYMOUTH YESTERDAY, AND WHO STILL CARRIES FIFTEEN PIECES OF SHRAPNEL FROM THE RIVER PLATE ACTION, SAID HIS LASTING IMPRESSION OF THE BATTLE WAS THE WAY THE MEN BEHAVED, PARTICULARLY THE WOUNDED, WHO WERE "REALLY MAGNIFICENT."

Commander Graham added: "We expected great things of them but their behaviour was far more wonderful than even we could conceive."

He continued that during the action they came within 8,000 yards of the Graf Spee.

The commander had a shrapnel wound in the face and other injuries to his legs.

Lt.-Comdr. Smith, the Torpedo Officer, speaking of the bravery of the wounded, recalled the epic case of a man who, with both legs shot away, told his superior officer he was doing well "in somewhat adverse circumstances."

Able-Seaman Cross, from Bristol, described how the fifth salvo from the Graf Spee killed and wounded many of Exeter's men.

"I was on the bridge when the salvo burst. Next to me were two men standing side by side, and fragments of flying shrapnel killed them both. They were standing by the loud-speaker to communicate by bugle orders to the gun crews."

TURRET OUT OF ACTION

"Eight out of 15 men in one crew were killed and the turret put out of action."

"Lt.-Comdr. Bowen Manifold, the Navigator, was standing in his pyjamas on the bridge, leaning over the compass. The same shell burst killed him and eight marines in "B" turret. This was about a quarter of an hour after the action began."

"Ajax, Achilles and Exeter were steaming in line astern when we sighted the Graf Spee."

GRAF SPEE SURPRISED

"Orders were signalled and Ajax and Achilles went full speed ahead and much to the surprise of the Graf Spee we converged upon her."

"Our first shot passed over the Graf Spee but our second was a direct hit on her control tower."

"The range was about 12 miles and we all were too busy to cheer."

"The gunnery of the Graf Spee was extremely accurate at first but after our hit it became ragged."—Reuter.

CIVIL LUNCHEON PLANNED

London, To-day
 It is understood that a Civil Luncheon will be given to the officers and men of H.M.S. Exeter and Ajax, two of the victors of the Graf Spee, at the Mansion House next week.

Final arrangements have not been concluded but it is expected that Mr. Winston Churchill, the First Lord of the Admiralty, will be present. — Reuter.

KING VISITS CHAMBER OF SHIPPING

London, To-day.
 His Majesty the King discussed mercantile marine matters yesterday when he visited the new building of the Chamber of Shipping in London.

The King, who is Master of the Merchant Navy, showed himself to be an expert in the affairs of the ships and men who sail the seas under the "Red Duster." — Reuter.

R.I.A.S.C. IN FRANCE

PARIS, TO-DAY.

THE WEATHER ON THE WESTERN FRONT HAS PROVED THE VALUE OF THE ROYAL INDIAN ARMY SERVICE CORPS.

During the past few weeks, the men and their mules have been doing first class work under conditions which held up mechanized transport, particularly to British troops strengthening the front line positions.

"They are settling down well, despite the weather, and an officer told the press that they seem to pick up French much more quickly than the British soldiers do!"—Reuter.

"EXETER" EPIC: FACT AND FABLE

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE SAFE ARRIVAL AT PLYMOUTH OF H.M.S. EXETER SHOULD SET AT REST DOUBTS FREQUENTLY EXPRESSED IN GERMAN WIRELESS AND PRESS AGENCY REPORTS REGARDING THE FATE OF THAT CRUISER.

In German accounts of the River Plate battle, Exeter was repeatedly given up as lost.

A Deutschlandsender broadcast on December 14 reported her at the mouth of the Plate incapable of movement. Later the same day D.N.B. declared she had been shelled to pieces. Still later the same day the German people were told through Deutschlandsender that all three British ships in the Plate Battle were destroyed (vernichtet).

On the following day the same wireless station announced that Exeter had to run on a sandbank to avoid sinking, and a few hours later Zeesen, in German and Portuguese broadcasts, found encouragement in a new rumour that Exeter had sunk.

BACK AND FORTH

On December 16 a Hamburg broadcast in English returned to the story that she had run aground. This was varied in a Zeesen broadcast on December 17 which roundly asserted that "after the Graf Spee was hit by Exeter the commander decided to eliminate the British cruiser. In this task he was wholly successful."

The facts of the engagement which had proved so disastrous for the Graf

INSPIRING CHURCHILL WELCOME

London, To-day.

Mr. Winston Churchill, addressing the officers and crew aboard H.M.S. Exeter, which was given a great welcome home to Plymouth yesterday, said:

"In this sombre winter the brilliant action of the Plate came like a flash of light and colour, carrying with it encouragement to all who are fighting and cause for rejoicing to free people all over the world."

"We are especially able to congratulate you on the fortune which enabled you to fight an action in the old style instead of a long and intricate struggle with mines and U-boats, which your comrades in flotillas have been waging here."

"This great action will long be told in song and story."

"Many months, perhaps some years, of long and anxious struggle lie before us but we face the future in a spirit of serious resolve."

Mr. Churchill and the official party then inspected the ship which, apart from two funnels pitted with holes from shell splinters, showed little outward signs of the damage which Exeter suffered in the battle. — British Wireless.

R.A.F. CASUALTIES

London, To-day.
 An Air Ministry communique reports the following R.A.F. casualties:—

Nine killed in action; three missing believed killed in action; one died of wounds received in action; seven missing; 12 killed on active service; 17 died on active service.—Reuter.

GOERING BOASTS—AND PLEADS

Berlin, To-day.

Field-Marshal Hermann Goering, broadcasting to agricultural workers all over Germany yesterday, said: "The extreme cold of the Winter has caused us great trouble but the Spring will demand great labours from all German farmers."

"Although the frost still binds you are in the midst of preparations for a new battle of production."

The last two years, he continued, has brought record crops. Germany had increased the production of fats and the consumption of meat had risen.

"We have laid in ample stocks of raw materials which we cannot produce ourselves; we cannot be defeated economically or in the military field."

Field-Marshal Goering claimed that Germany had a reserve of 7,600,000 metric tons of wheat.

Speaking about the scarcity of coal, he said Germany had ample coal but the German railways were struggling with enormous difficulties. Many tracks were frozen and the difficulties of transport were therefore insurmountable.

Field-Marshal Goering claimed that the Allied blockade of Germany was full of gaps.

The price of milk and butter would be raised but no-one had suffered hunger.

Britain was imitating Nazi methods and had introduced ration cards like Germany.

SORROWS AND TROUBLES

Referring to the shortage of agricultural labour, owing to the calling of men to the colours necessitating the employment of women, Field-Marshal Goering said: "Despite all our sorrows and troubles I implore you women to hold out."

He announced that a million Poles would be employed in addition to war prisoners.—Reuter.

DOYEN OF THE LONDON DIPLOMATIC CORPS RETURNING HOME

London, To-day.

On the occasion of the impending retirement and return to Brazil of Dr. Regis Oliveira, his country's Ambassador here since 1925 and Doyen of the Diplomatic Corps, Princess Alice of Athlone presented His Excellency with a pair of diamond cuff-links and his wife, Dona Gina, with a diamond ruby brooch on behalf of their many friends in London.

Those present at the ceremony yesterday included Lady Oxford and Aquila and Lady (Austen) Chamberlain.

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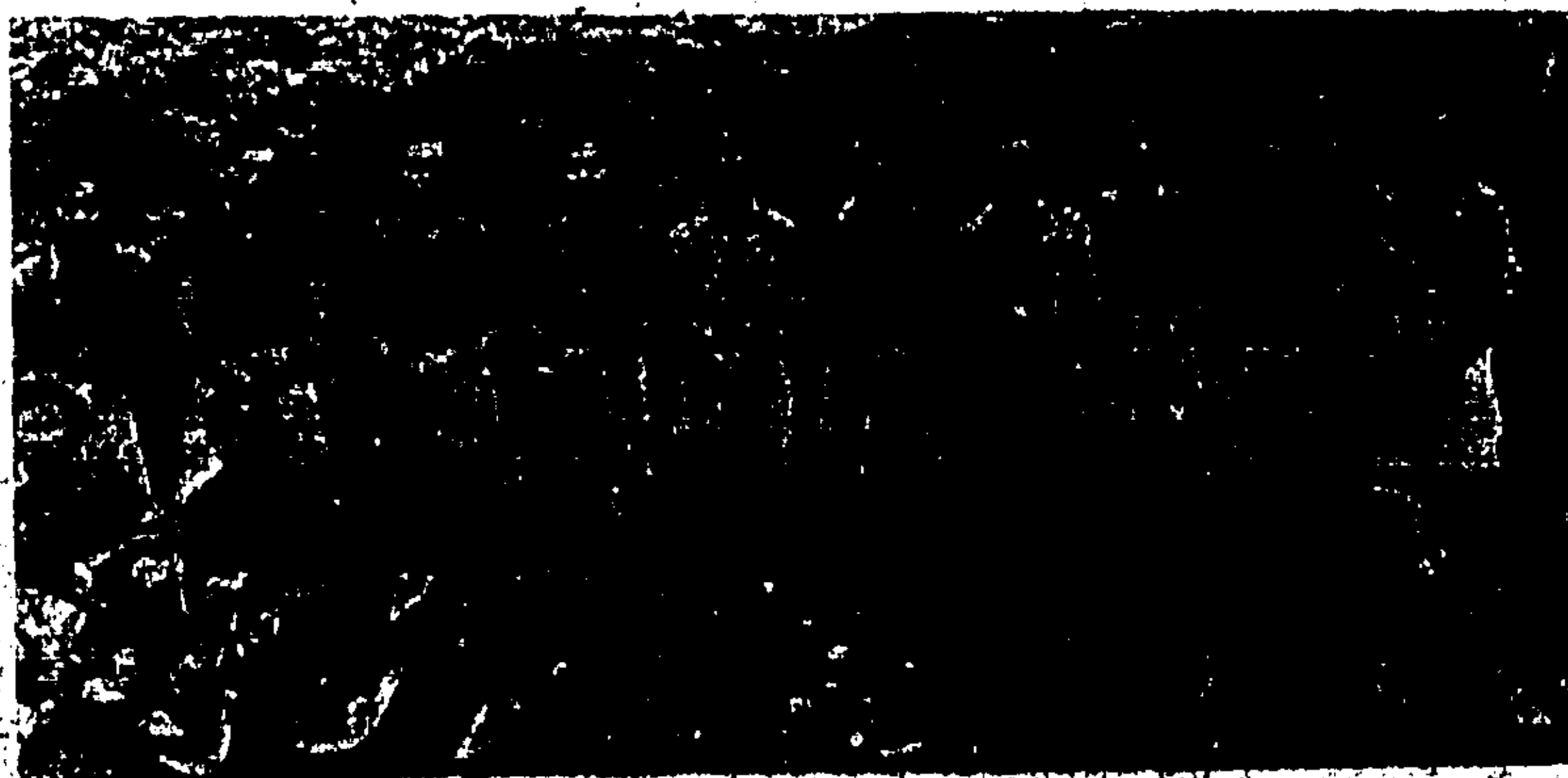
The Saigon team being presented to the Consul-General for France prior to the Interport game on Saturday.



An action picture taken during the Saigon-South China game on Sunday. Tai, with ball and Chan Tak-fai are seen in the picture.



Soon Ling-sing, the Colony's right half, heading the ball during the Interport game with Saigon last Saturday.



University and Macao junior hockey teams, which met at King's Park last Sunday.

FINLAND'S URGENT NEED

Volunteer Decision Approved In Britain

VITAL BASTION IN ALLIED DEFENCE

London, To-day.

MOST OF YESTERDAY morning's British press dealt with Finland, and the news that British subjects may enlist for service with the Finnish Army has been welcomed on all sides as just and wise.

Finland's urgent need for help is stressed by "The Times," "Daily Telegraph" and "Daily Herald." "The Finns are overwhelmed," says the "Daily Herald."

"The Times" says that the Soviets have concentrated on the Karelian Isthmus a force more than equal to the whole army available for the defence of all frontiers in Finland.

Although Soviet losses so far have been 50 to 1 Finn, this cannot be maintained once the Finns try to recapture fortified outposts now in enemy hands. Also, the Finns have only a small reserve to relieve men in the fighting lines.

BREATHING SPACE

The "Daily Telegraph" says that if the Finns can hold out during the next few, vital weeks, they may be able to gain breathing space to rest their troops and prepare for the big offensive of the summer. If they get this breathing space, it must be turned to account by outside sympathisers.

Both "The Times" and the "Telegraph" emphasise that Britain must be among the first to help Finland. "The Times" says that any army sent to help a small country fighting for liberty cannot be complete without a substantial contingent of Britons.

The "Daily Mail" refutes a suggestion that help for Finland would dissipate our resources. The Finns, fighting the battle of the century, may yet prove to be a vital bastion in our defence, it says. — Reuter.

NO BOMBING OF CIVILIANS

London, To-day.

Mr. Chamberlain yesterday repeated the Government's pledge not to bomb civilians deliberately.

He repeated his statement of September 14, 1939, in which he said that whatever others might do, the British Government would not resort to deliberate attacks on women, children and other civilians for the purpose of mere terrorism.

To this statement, he had nothing further to add. — Reuter.

BULGARIAN CRISIS

Paris, To-day.

According to a Sofia despatch it is thought that a difference of opinion between the Bulgarian Prime Minister, M. Kiossevanoff, and the Minister of Agriculture, M. Adrianov, regarding the candidature of deputies during the last legislative elections led the Premier to resign.

Certain political circles in Sofia connect the crisis with the arrival there of M. Popoff, the Bulgarian Minister in Belgrade, who was summoned to Sofia by cable on Wednesday. — Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN TROOPS WELL TRAINED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Jerusalem, To-day.

The Australian troops now serving in Palestine are said to be remarkably well trained, though there is no compulsory service in the Dominion.

Most of them belong to the Miltia, which now included 100,000 men, together with the Sixth Division, which is stationed in the Near East.

This figure exceeds the number of Australian volunteers in the Great War. — Havas.

FATHER OF ELECTRICITY PASSES

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE DEATH, AT THE AGE OF 94, HAS OCCURRED IN HIS YORKSHIRE HOME OF COLONEL R. B. CROMPTON, WHO TOOK ELECTRICITY OUT OF THE LABORATORY AND MADE IT A COMMERCIAL PROPOSITION—DESPITE AN EARLY ANTI-PATHY TO IT.

His first big job was the illuminating of the old Crystal Palace. He also installed electric lights in Buckingham Palace, the Law Courts, Victoria Station and Mansion House.

A naval cadet at 11 years of age, he took part in the Crimean campaign. In the Boer War, he was a full-fledged soldier, while in the Great War it was mainly due to his research that the British tank was developed. — Reuter.

EVACUATION PROBLEM DEBATED IN THE COMMONS

London, To-day.

A STATEMENT ON THE evacuation problem was made in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. Walter Elliot, the Minister of Health.

Mr. Elliot said the Government remained convinced of the desirability of the dispersal of children from evacuating areas.

Plans therefore had been prepared with the object both of retaining in the reception areas as many as possible of the 400,000 children still there and preparing for a further large-scale evacuation to take place if air raids developed on a scale involving serious continuous bombing.

It would be for the Government to decide, in the light of prevailing circumstances, when these plans were to be put into operation.

QUEEN'S MESSAGE

The Queen desired to show her appreciation of the great public spirit demonstrated by those householders who during the last six months had sheltered children unknown to them and had provided for the children a home and sympathy of incomparable value.

To each of these householders the Queen proposed to send a personal message as token of her recognition of their service to others. — Reuter.

SPEED LIMIT FOR R.A.F.

British airmen on the Western Front must not exceed 55 m.p.h. on the ground.

This is the new speed limit for R.A.F. cars on the open road. In towns and villages 30 m.p.h. must not be exceeded.

The limit was imposed in an order in which personnel were warned that they have been habitually driving too fast over the tricky French roads.

HUGE FIRE IN THE HOUNSLOW REGION

London, To-day.

A large section of London's "black-out" was lit up on Wednesday night when a fire broke out in a scrap metal store house; the scrap metal included 50 tons of magnesium. The flames could be seen for 10 miles around Hounslow. — Reuter.

COOL BID TO ESCAPE

SMARTNESS OF A CHINESE DETECTIVE PREVENTED A BOLD ATTEMPT AT ESCAPE FROM THE DOCK OF THE KOWLOON MAGISTRACY THIS MORNING BY CHAN HUNG, 32, WHO WAS APPEARING ON A CHARGE OF STEALING SEVEN DINNER PLATES FROM NANKING BARRACKS.

Chan was in the dock and the court was waiting for the arrival of the Magistrate, Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen, when the prisoner left the dock and walked out of the court.

On the stairs he was met by Chan Yau, the detective who arrested him yesterday, and was placed in custody for the second time.

It is not known whether a second charge will be preferred against the man.

LIFEBOAT RESCUES

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE LIFEBOATS OF GREAT BRITAIN HAVE RESCUED OVER 1,500 LIVES SINCE THE WAR BEGAN, AND THE GRATITUDE AND ADMIRATION OF THE ROYAL NAVY FOR THEIR SERVICES HAS BEEN EXPRESSED BY THE LORDS OF THE ADMIRALTY.

They state that they are deeply impressed by the fine services of the crews of the national lifeboats, especially those on the East Coast, knowing that this work was carried out in foul weather, high seas and bitter cold, none of which lowered the spirit of courage and endurance without fear or thought of self, with which they performed their duties. — Reuter.

TRANSPORT OF B.E.F.

London, To-day.

Tribute has already been paid to the achievement of transporting the B.E.F. to France without casualties but it is now revealed that between September 9, when the first full convoy sailed, until October 5 a complete force consisting of 158,000 men, 2,500 vehicles and 140,000 tons of military stores, were transported to a time schedule without serious hitch.

Of this number only one-third, consisted of fighting divisions, the remainder being auxiliary, supply and other services established to deal with the far greater army destined to follow the original Expeditionary Force. — British Wireless.

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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

AID IN REVERSE GEAR

When German-Russian collaboration loomed as an immediate factor in the peace-or-war equation in Europe, the question on most lips was, "How much aid can Germany expect from Russia?" Economists weighed the productive capacity of the Soviet Union against its own consumers' needs and found a narrow margin for export to Germany or to any other country. The difficulties in the way of shipping goods from Russian sources to Germany likewise appeared formidable. And there was the question how Germany, busy trying to supply its own war-swollen needs, could pay for Russian goods.

The economists could, of course, only estimate. Even with the most reliable statistics available on such a subject, few economists would dogmatize. While they have continued to ponder, Finland has been producing an even more convincing answer. So convincing, in fact, that Germany is reported as weighing the possibility of aiding, instead of receiving aid from, Russia.

Germany's problem is complicated. One of the most important contributions the Third Reich could make to Russia's campaign in Finland would be to discourage other Scandinavian states from aiding Finland. But can they, knowing that Finland is fighting a battle that is also their battle, afford to withhold such economic aid as they can give? And can Germany, whose main iron supply comes from Sweden, afford to press the Scandinavian bloc to adopt policies which that bloc must almost certainly refuse as suicidal? All over Europe there are signs that small countries are aware of their common interest in the suppression of violent expansionism, and that they are seeking ways to bring a common defence to that interest. German pressures in behalf of Russia will tend to hasten this process of solidification of small-power policy, and to do so to the advantage of the Allies, with whose aims it could be easily harmonised.

Adolf Hitler, long before he became Reichsführer, pointed out in "Mein Kampf" that nobody had any use for a weak ally. If Russia is even weaker than it was thought to be when the startling non-aggression pact was signed between it and Germany—and this is what the Finnish campaign indicates—aid to Russia may be regarded in Berlin not only as expensive but as a luxury. —"Christian Science Monitor."

TYROL GERMANS

Though the figures are not yet officially available, it is now known that the Tyrolean plebiscite has resulted in an overwhelming majority in favour of a return to the Reich. That fact needs to be carefully weighed by those who still hope for a German revolution against Hitlerism.—J. L. Garvin.

A CALL TO WOMEN

The war with all its consequences has been come a fact.

Many of us are asking, why this calamity has come upon us, while everybody desires peace? War is the result of dishonesty, selfishness, domination, greed and fear. We all have admitted these destructive powers in our lives. The fault is not only with other peoples or nations but with everyone of us.

Our Government declared that our country will remain neutral and the responsibility thereof lies with every citizen and specially with us, the women.

When we maintain our equipolse and our self-possession in our conversation and our correspondence, when we do not increase the burdens and cares of our husbands, our sons, our fiancés, through self-complaint; when we do not increase the confusion through useless lamentation, irresponsible foot-boarding on the "backing" criticism, when we are backing our Government in thought

and in deed, this will be of inestimable value to the general sentiment in our country. It will give courage and strength to those who carry the greatest responsibility of the future for our country.

In this way we may fortify our neutrality.

Let us start to-day to set aside self-interest and prejudice, to acknowledge our own shortcomings and try to make up for them instead of finding fault with others; to practice honesty, unselfishness, truthworthiness and love; to give instead of to get; to serve instead of to dominate.

On us women, as the educators of our children, rests a particularly great and responsible task. . . . This is the mobilisation to which we now summon every woman.—From an open letter from a group of prominent women of The Netherlands, in "De Telegraaf," Amsterdam.

A CZECH RAISES HIS VOICE

We Czechs have a right to demand that the other peoples of the world show an understanding of our efforts and help us in our struggle. To-day it is not the liberty of this or that people which is at stake but the whole world's civilisation. . . . The most cherished ideals are now threatened by Pan-German Nazism. Destruction of Nazi Imperialism now plunging the whole of Europe into barbarism is the prime condition to be realised if the fundamentals of world civilisation are to be saved and an international regime created based on the principles of liberty, law and humanity.—"Hubert Ripka," Czech publicist.

"FUNCTIONARY" MINISTERS

The Labour party is going to demand in an early debate in the House of Commons that Mr. Chamberlain shall appoint a Minister to direct—direct—rather than co-ordinate—the country's economic effort. One learns authoritatively that, if the Prime Minister were to grant the demand, Labour would be

highly displeased if Mr. Chamberlain were then to appoint to the post what Mr. Attlee calls a "functionary."

It was as "functionaries and not statesmen" that the Labour leader referred to Sir John Reith and Sir Andrew Duncan in Tuesday's debate. What Mr. Attlee, is really objecting to is bringing the non-politician into government, and this is a matter of surprise even to some on his own side. Most people have welcomed it as a belated sign of some flexibility in Mr. Chamberlain that he should have gone outside the politicians to reinforce a very feeble Ministry that can no longer be reinforced from within.

Mr. Attlee has hardly got superior material on his own side for forming a War Ministry, and yet, say friendly critics of his, he is tying his hands in advance and precluding himself, should he have to form a Ministry, from getting help from outside politics.

Besides, it is pointed out, he is forgetting or ignoring the example of Mr. Lloyd George, who brought in not a few "outsiders" and they turned out to be some of his most successful Ministers. Sir Eric Geddes, for example, was much better than being a "functionary" than either Sir John Reith or Sir Andrew Duncan. —"Manchester Guardian."

Roosevelt Makes Mystery Out Of Cruise "BUSINESS AND A HOLIDAY"

HITLER WANTS JOE TO BE NAZI.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

AMSTERDAM, TO-DAY.

IT IS RELIABLY LEARNED THAT GERMANY IS EXERTING CONSIDERABLE EFFORTS IN MOSCOW TO INDUCE THE KREMLIN TO MODIFY THE SOVIET INTERNAL REGIME AND SO FACILITATE A RAPPROCHEMENT WITH ITALY.

Apparently Hitler and the German leaders are convinced that a more conservative Soviet internal regime, established on Nazi lines, would permit the realisation of the German ambition of a great Rome-Berlin-Moscow triangle as preparation for a military bloc which would enable the Reich to take the initiative in its war with Britain and France.—Havas.

SECRET SESSION REFUSED

London, To-day.

In the House of Lords yesterday afternoon Lord Ponsonby asked the Government to arrange a secret session to discuss matters arising from the war.

Lord Noel Buxton and Viscount Cecil supported the request.

Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, declined to accede to the demand on the ground that better results would be achieved if the Lords concerned took the opportunity of discussing privately with members of the Government the questions they had in mind.—Reuter.

SHOULD DERBY SWEEP BE SPLIT UP

Sir, — Judging by the sales of The Derby Sweep Tickets for the last four days, I am wondering if the prize money could not be split into two first, two second prizes and so on.

At the rate, it is selling now, the first prize will be over \$250,000.00 and with the expenditure of \$1.00 the lucky winner should be quite content with a \$125,000.

NOT GREEDY.

GERMANY TO HAVE SUMMER TIME

Berlin, To-day.

For the first time in over 10 years, Germany is to have summer-time because of the lack of fuel. Summer time will be in operation from April 1 to October 3.—Reuter.

SOVIET CONSULATE

Shanghai, To-day.

The Soviet Consulate reopened here yesterday, officials having arrived here from Peking a few days ago.—Our Own Correspondent.

NEW YORK, TO-DAY.

CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION HAS BEEN AROUSED HERE BY A CRYPTIC REMARK MADE BY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT TO NEWSPAPER REPRESENTATIVES PRIOR TO LEAVING FOR A HOLIDAY CRUISE IN THE CRUISER TUSCALOOSA.

President Roosevelt said it might be fair to assume that his sea trip would combine business with a holiday.

Speculation has arisen because the President did not choose to deny any question put to him whether there was a possibility that he would contact the British, French and Italian authorities during his cruise.

It was thought in Washington yesterday that the President might extend his cruise to the region where neutrality patrol vessels are keeping watch along the fringe of the Gulf of Mexico.—Reuter.

Talk Of "Conference" On High Seas

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day.

Rumours of a possible conference on the high seas in connection with his peace move have been given new impetus as the result of the failure of President Roosevelt to give a categorical denial to or ridicule suggestions to that effect when questioned before boarding the Tuscaloosa.

The President merely replied: "There is nothing to be said on that subject."

The reply has, naturally, added to the atmosphere of mystery surrounding the President's cruise, although Mr. Roosevelt warned journalists not to "climb too far out on a limb."

He declined to say how long his cruise would last or at which port he would disembark on his return.—Havas.

ROOSEVELT SON SEEKS DIVORCE

Los Angeles, To-day.

James Roosevelt, son of the President, yesterday filed a petition for divorce from his wife, Betsy, the daughter of the late Dr. Harvey Williams Cushing, the internationally known brain specialist. He is charging his wife with desertion.

The couple have two children, Sara Delano, aged 9, and Kate, aged 4. The marriage took place 10 years ago.

If the action succeeds, James will be the third of the President's children to be divorced.

Mrs. James Roosevelt has announced that she will bring a cross-action against her husband; she added he had agreed she would have custody of the children.—Reuter.

WANG KEH-MIN'S SUDDEN DEPARTURE

Shanghai, To-day.

Wang Keh-min, Chairman of the "Peiping Provisional Government," yesterday returned by air to Peiping. Quarters close to the "puppet" governments state that sharp differences exist between Wang Keh-min and Wang Ching-wei in connection with Wang Ching-wei's proposed "Central Kuomintang Government."—Our Own Correspondent.

EIGHTH PROFESSOR TO BE KILLED

London, To-day.

According to the Polish radio Professor Ignace Chroanowski, who occupied the Chair of Literature at Cracow University, died in the notorious concentration camp at Oranienburg.

He is the eighth professor of Cracow University to be killed by the Gestapo, added the announcer.—Reuter.

CZECHS IN TROUBLE

Paris, To-day.

Twenty-seven foreigners of Czechoslovak origin have been sent to a concentration camp near Rambouillet on a charge of carrying on activities dangerous to the country.

They were employed in national defence factories, and it is stated they refused to comply with a summons to serve in the Czechoslovak Legion in France.—Reuter.

SIND CABINET RESIGNS

New Delhi, To-day.

The Sind Cabinet has resigned. It had no majority in the Assembly since the Hindu Party withdrew its support.—Reuter.

Lisbon, To-day.

The Indian Trade Commissioner to Italy has arrived in Lisbon on a private visit.—Reuter.

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Finns Withdraw From First Line Positions At Summa

Give Way In Face Of Terrific Russian Attacks

ENORMOUS RED ARMY CASUALTY TOLL IN BATTLE

HELSINKI, TO-DAY.
IT WAS OFFICIALLY STATED IN HELSINKI LAST NIGHT THAT IN FACE OF THE TERRIFIC RUSSIAN ATTACKS IN THE KARELIAN ISTHMUS THE FINNISH TROOPS HAD WITHDRAWN FROM FIRST-LINE POSITIONS AT A NUMBER OF POINTS IN THE SUMMA SECTOR.

A communique issued earlier in the day stated that Finnish troops in the Summa sector on Thursday successfully defended all enemy attacks.

North-east of Lake Ladoga the enemy attacked on several occasions but all attacks were driven back.

The Finnish troops destroyed or seized about 100 convoy units, principally comprising provisions.

Finnish coastal batteries on the Karelian isthmus successfully repulsed all attempts by the enemy to cross the ice and destroyed a number of detachments.

The Finnish air force successfully attacked enemy troop concentrations and provision depots.

According to confirmed reports 16 enemy planes were shot down and one bomber was forced down on Finnish territory. — Reuter.

Another Ten Miles

Helsinki, To-day.

It is pointed out here that although the Russians, as the result of almost two week's pounding away with heavy loss of life and men, have captured a few outposts of the Mannerheim Line, they have another 10 miles of tank traps, machine-gun posts, barricades, etc. to go before they can hope to penetrate the Line itself.

In an interview with the Press, the President of Finland made another appeal for foreign help. He hoped that Finland's cause might stimulate countries abroad to help her. Nevertheless, Finland would continue to fight, help or no help.

"We are faced with the extinction of our nation and we must fight to the last," he said.

In order to help relieve the pressure on the men at the Front, the Finnish Government yesterday issued posters calling men of between 43 and 44 years of age to the Colours. They must report for service by February 20. — Reuter.

Astonishingly Heavy Red Losses

Stockholm, To-day.

The intensity of the Russian onslaught against the Mannerheim Line increased further yesterday when thrusts along new lines were made, but the Finns appear to have stood firm everywhere and to have inflicted astonishingly heavy losses on the invaders.

Fresh waves of Soviet troops were thrown against the Finns north of Summa over the ice of Lake Muola-aajervi, and at Taipale.

The attack over the lake might have been serious if it had succeeded, for it would have brought the Russians to one of the main roads leading to Viborg.

The Russians had to advance over the ice on the lake which is 10 miles wide without any cover against machine-guns well hidden in the surrounding woods.

Moreover the ice is now covered

with a layer of three to four feet of snow in which the men floundered helplessly.

SHOT FROM BEHIND

Many eye-witnesses report that Russian soldiers who refused to advance in the face of certain death were shot from behind by political agents.

North of Lake Ladoga the Finns thwarted an attempt to take provisions to a marooned battalion. Three Russian divisions are reported to be in difficulties in this region.

The Russians twice tried to rescue the commander of the 13th Army Corps. A plane sent for this purpose crashed through the ice of a small lake and disappeared, and a second plane landed by mistake behind the Finnish lines and both aircraft and crew were captured. — Reuter.

LABOUR GROUP ON VISIT TO FINLAND

London, To-day.

When the British Labour delegation which has been visiting Finland described its impressions before a meeting of the National Council of Labour in London on Wednesday, it was decided to launch an appeal for funds for Finland.

The delegation paid warm tributes to the courage, energy and high spirits of the Finns, and said that they were impressed by the military and political level attained and by the people's attachment to the principles of Democracy.

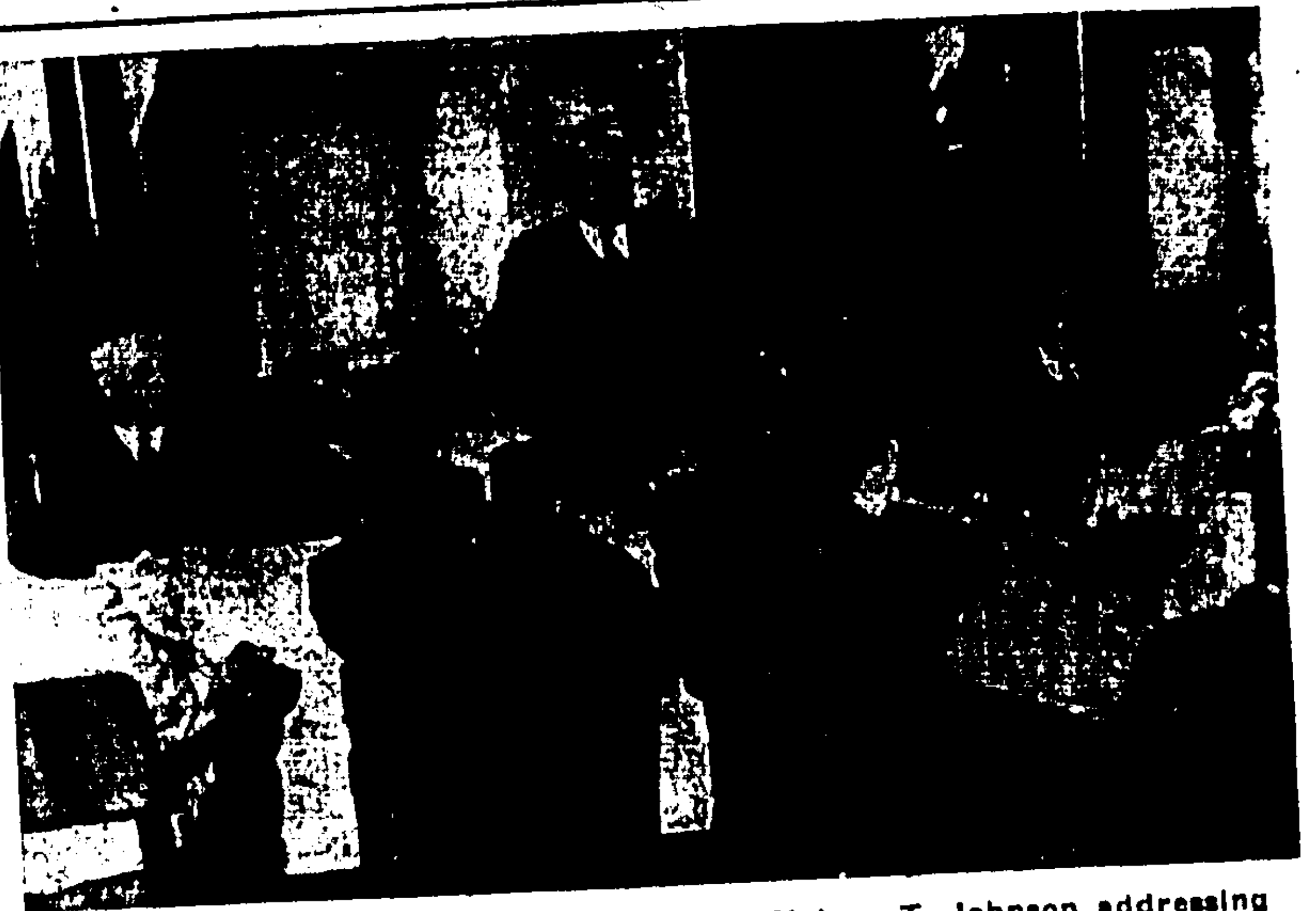
The delegation stressed the Finns' urgent needs for armaments, especially heavy guns and aeroplanes.

The information and impressions they obtained will be placed before the British Government. — Reuter.

THE DATE IT CHANGETH EVERY DAY

Shanghai, To-day.

The date for the inauguration of Wang Ching-wei's "Central Executive Government" has been now fixed for March 1. — Our Own Correspondent.



His Excellency the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Nelson T. Johnson addressing the Sino-American Cultural Institute on Wednesday. Others in the picture are: from left to right: Mr. A. F. Southard, Dr. C. T. Wang, former Chinese Ambassador to the United States, Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, Sir Shouson Chow and Judge Helmick. (Staff Photographer).

DON'T NEED AID TO DEFEAT THE ALLIES!

Stockholm, To-day.

REPORTS PUBLISHED ABROAD that Russia and Germany have signed a military alliance are categorically denied by official circles in Germany, says the Berlin correspondent of the "Nyheter."

The correspondent adds that Wilhelmstrasse officials believe the news originated from the satisfactory conclusion of a trade agreement with Russia, and declare that Germany is quite capable of defeating Britain and France alone without Russia.

Germany does not want military help, these officials declare, but desires neutral neighbours to supply her with raw materials to enable her to break the blockade.

While they are naturally closely watching the outcome of the Anglo-French appeals to neutral countries to enter the war, Berlin officials, according to the correspondent, state they do not want to see Italy and Russia involved against Britain and France. — Reuter.

NEW CONGRESS PRESIDENT

Bombay, To-day.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the eminent Muslim, was yesterday elected President of the forthcoming Indian National Congress, to be held at Ramgarh Bihar next month.

Mr. Azad has already received over 1,000 votes while his opponent, Mr. M. N. Roy, the Communist leader, received over 100.

Like Mr. Gandhi, Mr. Azad opposes Nazism and could support India's participation in the war if a settlement is reached between the British Government and Congress.

Mr. Roy opposes the war in any

ALLIED CUTS IN U.S. PURCHASES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

Both Britain and France recently stopped the purchase of certain American agricultural products, Secretary of State Cordell Hull told the press yesterday.

He added he had already made representations in London and Paris on the subject. — Havas.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON, TO-DAY.

OILS AND KAFFIRS CLOSED FIRMER ON THE LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE YESTERDAY ON BETTER SUPPORT BUT ELSEWHERE THE TONE WAS IRREGULAR.

Textiles were well bought on the reported shortage of stock.

Rubber was firm on better trade demand and larger United States January consumption.

Tin eased owing to speculative profit-taking.

Wall Street was irregular. — Reuter.

The verdict may be taken as overwhelming support for Mr. Gandhi. — Reuter.

News Snack Bar

'HAW-HAW'—AS B.B.C. STARS SEE HIM: 'GOOD,' 'ROTTEN'

London, January 19.

THE B.B.C. DROPPED its dignity yesterday. A dozen of its biggest men sat in seats of honour at Grosvenor House, Park-lane, at a luncheon attended by 700 people, and discussed their radio rival from Zeesen.

It was Foyle's "Lord Haw-Haw" luncheon, the Western Brothers in the chair. This is what our announcers think about Germany's.

Leslie Mitchell (best-dressed man in radio, former television announcer and now British Movietone News commentator): "I should say he's a German who has worked over here, probably up North. He wouldn't get a job over here on announcing, or news-reels or anything."



"I say, comrade, why are we attacking Finland?"
"Diving Space." ("Oeuvre.")

Alvar Lidell (tall, dark-haired Assistant Chief Announcer): "I think he's effective as an announcer, even if he does rather get your back up. He must be a foreigner."

"He speaks slowly and deliberately fighting for time, and mispronounces words noticeably. He says 'Industry' with the accent on the middle syllable. Yet his announcements in German are perfect."

TOO CONDESCENDING

Lionel Gamlin (cheerful, chubby personality man of the B.B.C.):

"That Zeesen fellow has given us some fun, but I think he's a rotten announcer. He's condescending—and that's fatal. You've got to talk with people, not down to them."

Frank Phillips (dapper, sandy-moustached, 39-years-old announcer): "I should say he's had quite a lot of radio experience, though I don't like him. He's got good microphone technique, and knows the tricks."

Slim, dark-haired Mrs. Olga Collett (remember her 2½-hours impromptu Royal Command Performance commentary?): "I'd hate to have him double with me in a commentary."

Brian Michie, Freddie Grisewood, other radio notables, had their say. Lupino Lane wanted to "cross Foyle's with him"—and 700 people laughed.

"Heil Hitler" Ban

The greeting "Heil Hitler" is now "verboten" in Viennese military hospitals because it excites the soldiers and sends up their temperatures.



"Le Canard Enchaîné"

On Leave From Maginot Line

"You haven't anything of the concrete sort, I suppose?"

Paris

Listener Sent To Prison

A Special Court at Trier, Germany, has sentenced a man to fifteen months' hard labour for continually listening to foreign radio stations.

The Official German News Agency, commenting on the fact that at least ten convictions have been announced for listening to foreign stations, says such "conscienceless weaklings have received their just punishment for unequivocal treason."

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'Plane To Speed Up The Civic Duty

Air transport will be used in future by members of Glasgow Corporation when they visit the city's boarded-out children who live in isolated areas.

Many of the 2,800 youngsters who are in charge of foster parents lead happy, healthy lives in small crofts two or three days' journey by bus and steamer from the city.

They enjoy country life, but the Glasgow Corporation members are not so happy when they have to undertake the arduous journey to visit them.

Baillie D. S. Brown and Baillie Allan Ogg established a precedent when they set out from Renfrew to fly to Machie.

It was the first time that an aeroplane had been used for this purpose. By going by air they saved about eight hours on both the outward and homeward journeys.

BLACK CAT FOR LUCK

East Coast life-boatmen picked up a small boat at sea, took it in tow. The name showed that it had been washed from a ship that had sunk four days before. As the boat was drawn up on the shore, out jumped a hungry black cat—the ship's mascot!

Nazis Broadcast In Gaelic

A "Gaelic" broadcast from Hamburg caused great disappointment in the Island of Lewis. Scores of people had stayed out of church or had hurried home to listen to it in the hope that some news would be given of the 12 Lewis men who are missing from the Rawalpindi. Several of the crew of the Rawalpindi were thought to have been rescued by the Deutschland, the "pocket battleship" which sank the armed merchant cruiser. Many people who had never turned on the radio before on a Sunday evening listened in to Hamburg, but the broadcast was in Irish Gaelic, and Highland listeners could make nothing of it. One crofter who had stayed out of church to hear the broadcast complained that he could understand nothing except the word "liar," which was frequently repeated, and the words "God bless you," at the end of the broadcast.

Name Is

Cleared—Dead

A solicitor against whom allegations of professional misconduct had been made was cleared by the Disciplinary Committee of the Law Society. But he was not alive to hear his character had been vindicated, for he died while the committee were considering their findings.

The solicitor was Thomas John Samuel, partner in the former firm of Samuel and Jones, of Great Darkgate-street, Aberystwyth.

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Nazi Airman

Dead In Sea

The body of a man in flying kit was washed up by the sea at Sheringham, Norfolk, recently.

It is thought he was a member of the crew of the German Heinkel plane which crashed into the sea at Sheringham.

Soon after the plane came down the body of the pilot was recovered.

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The Queen Orders

Servants To

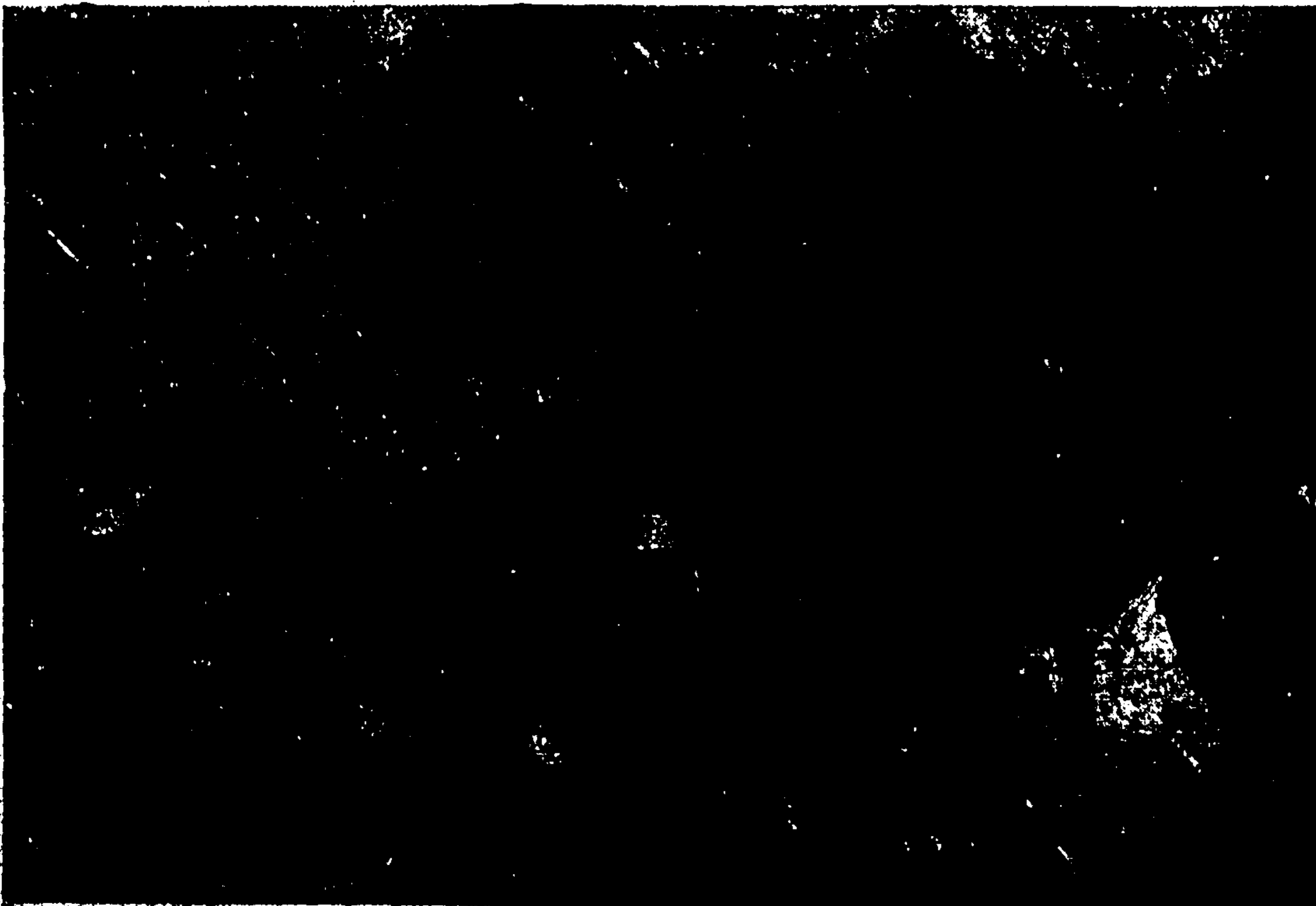
Save All Silver Paper

Servants in all the royal residences are now collecting silver paper—by the Queen's order.

The Queen wants them to save silver paper and tinfoil from cigarette packets, chocolates, milk bottles—every piece they can get.

Collections will go to the Lord Mayor's Red Cross and St. John Fund for the war sick and wounded.

The fund now stands at £285,000. The Queen told the Lord Mayor yesterday of the order to collect silver paper, which she has given through her Ladies-in-Waiting.



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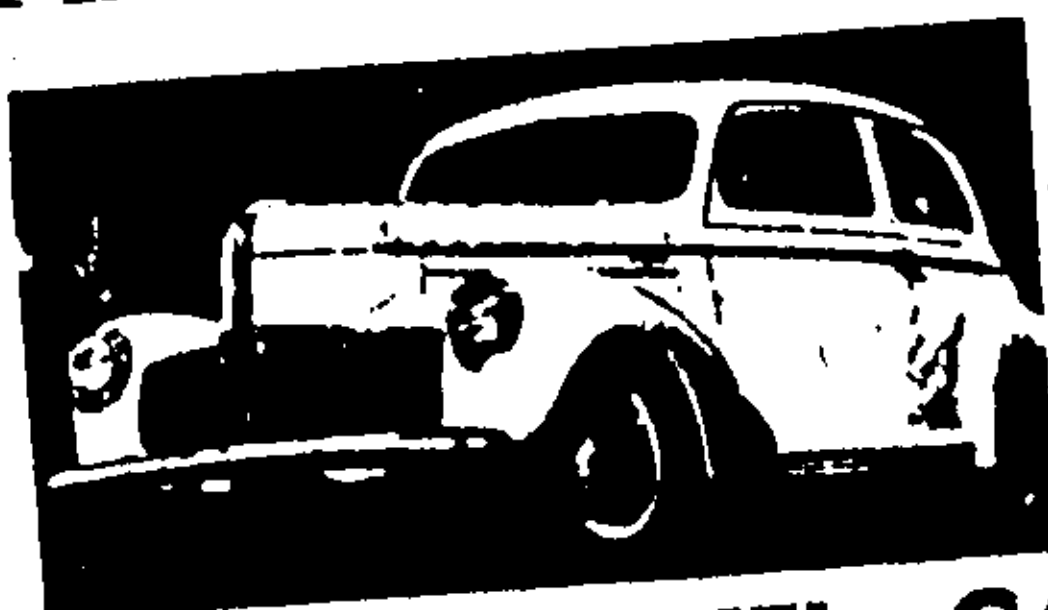
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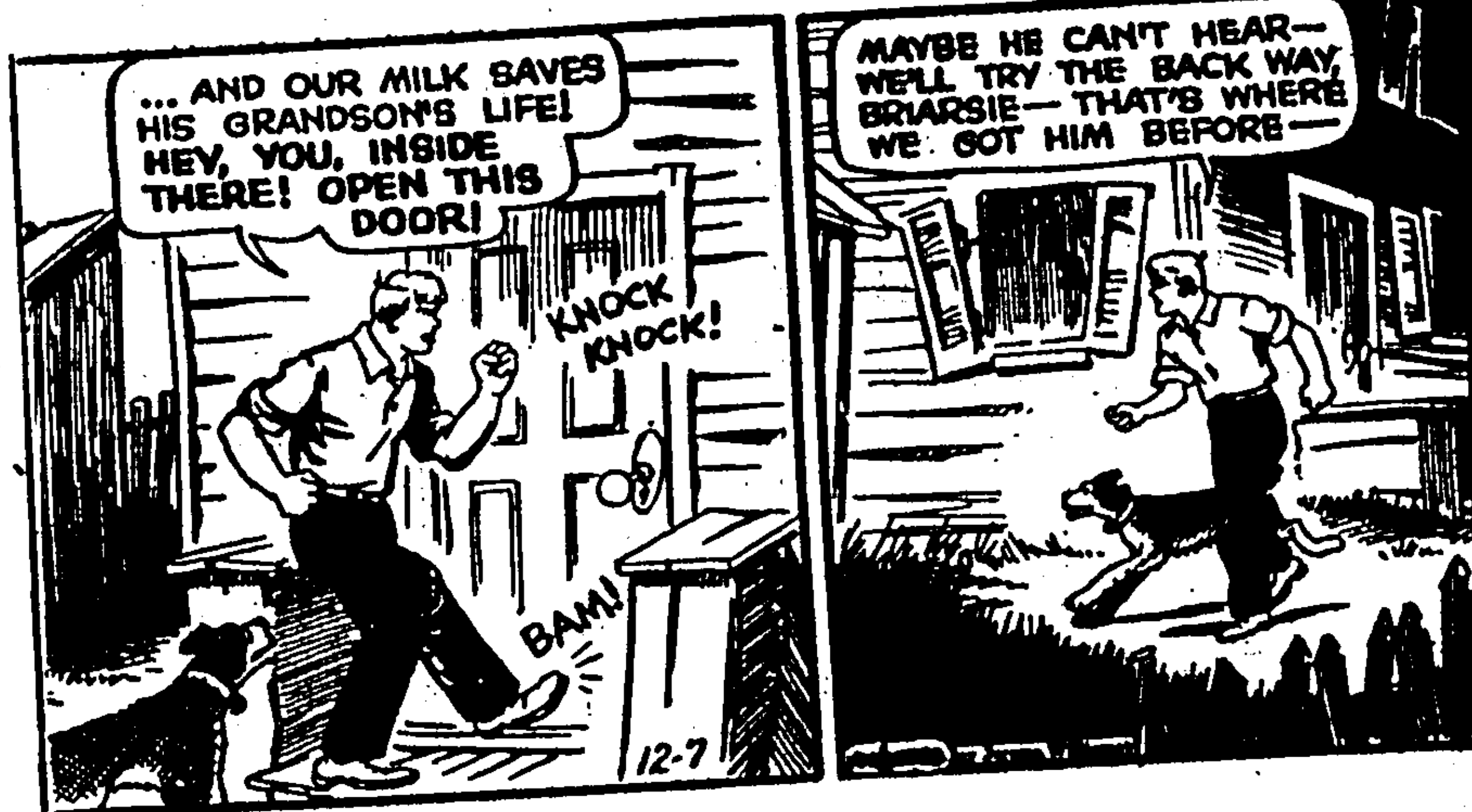
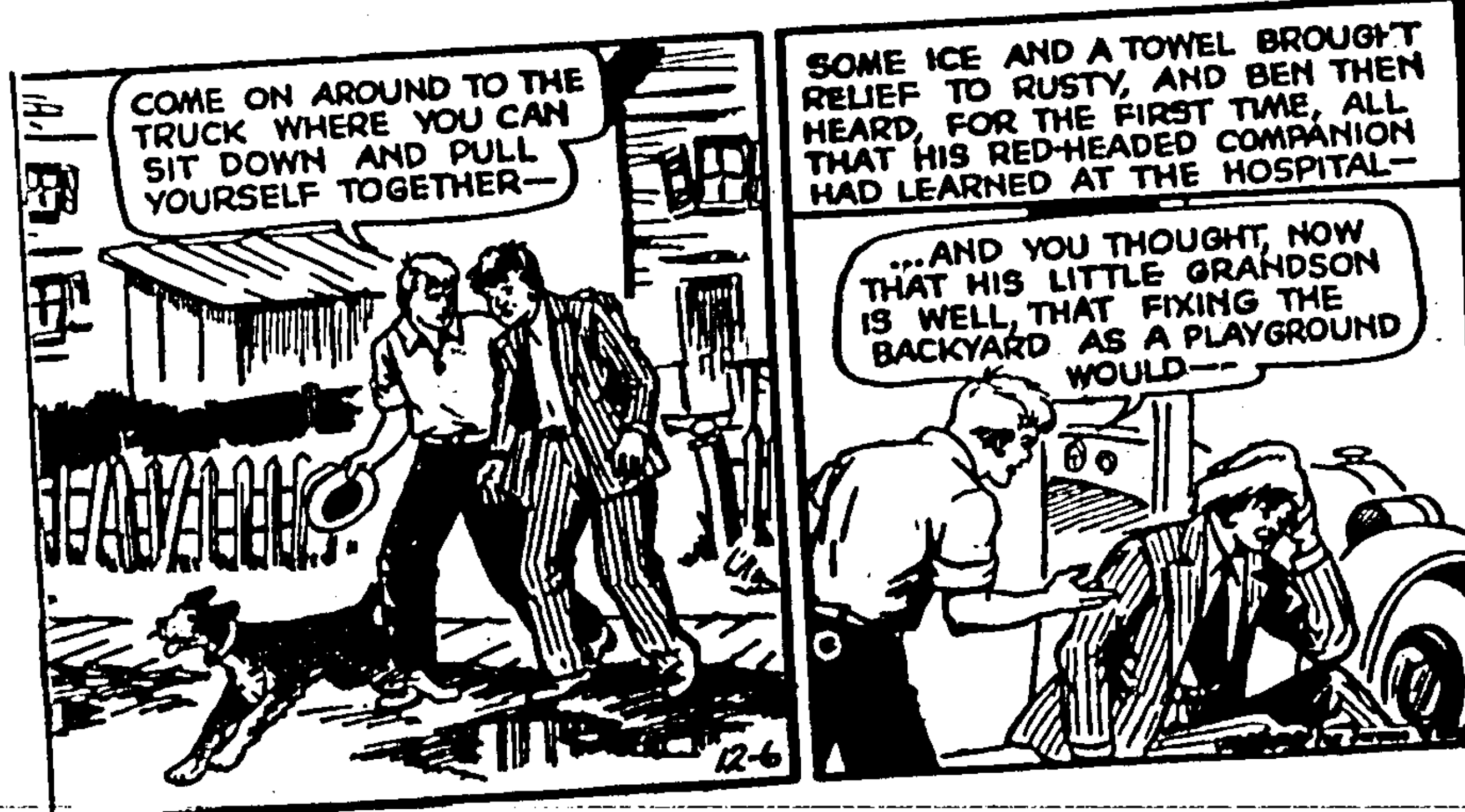
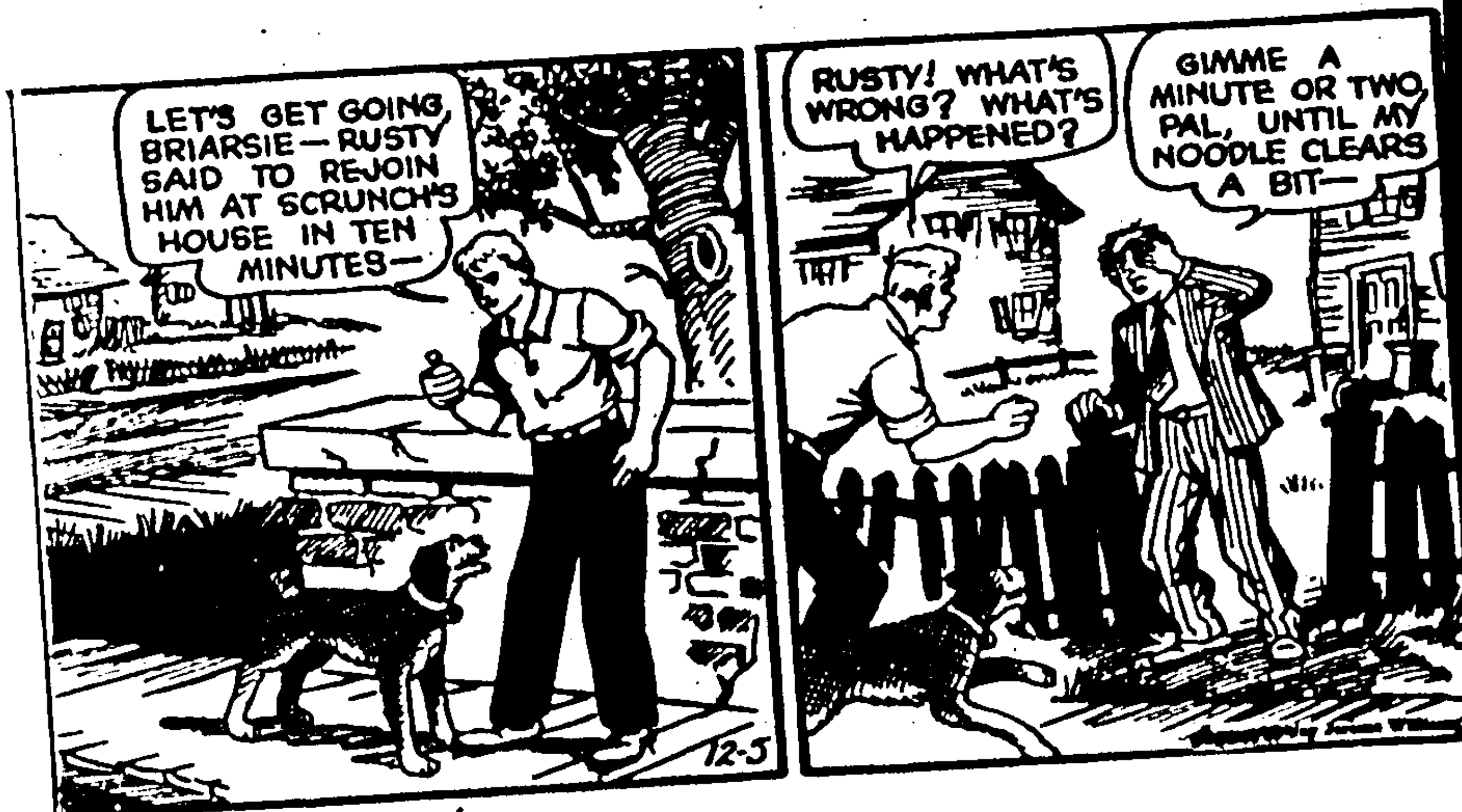
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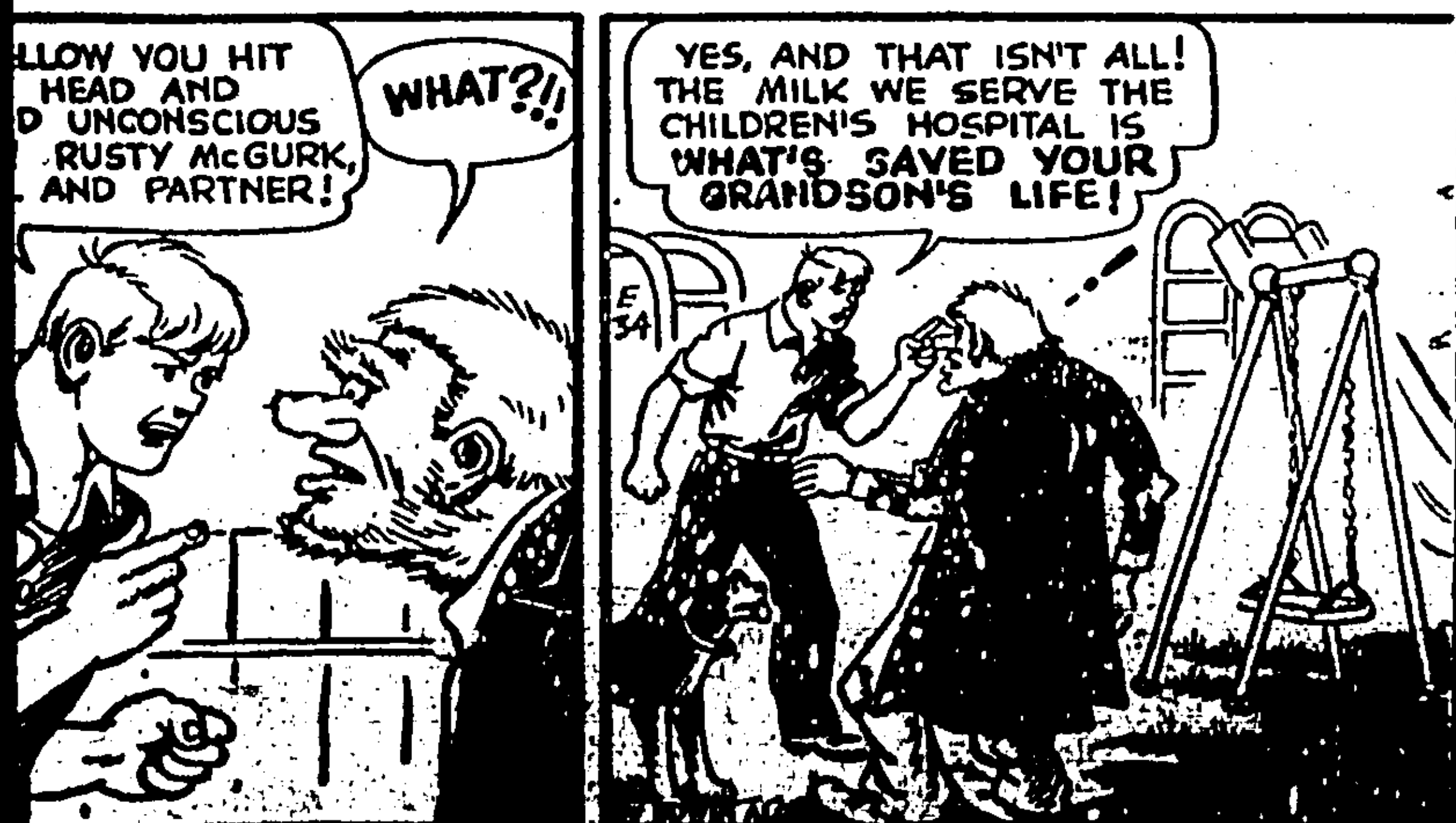
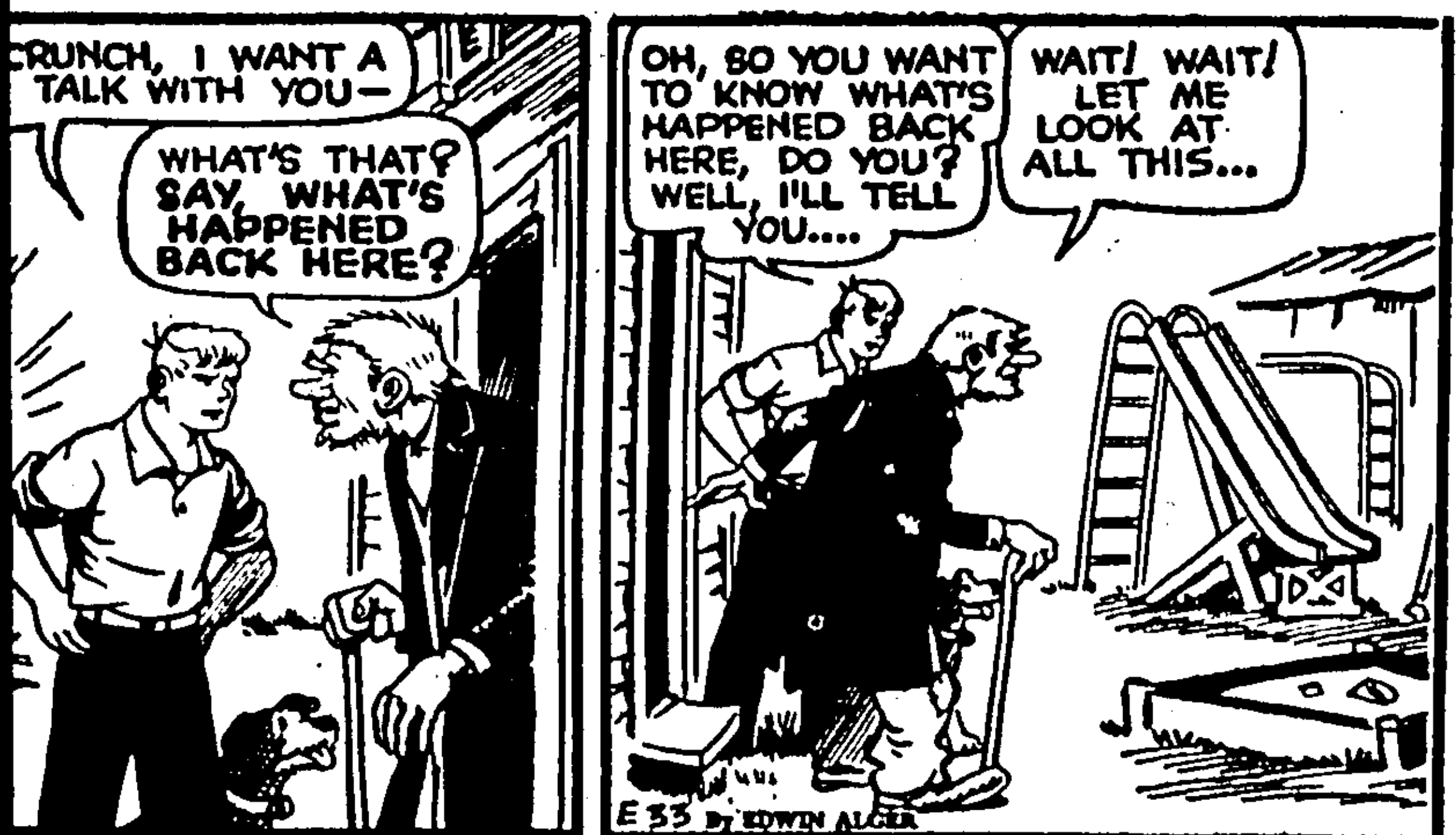
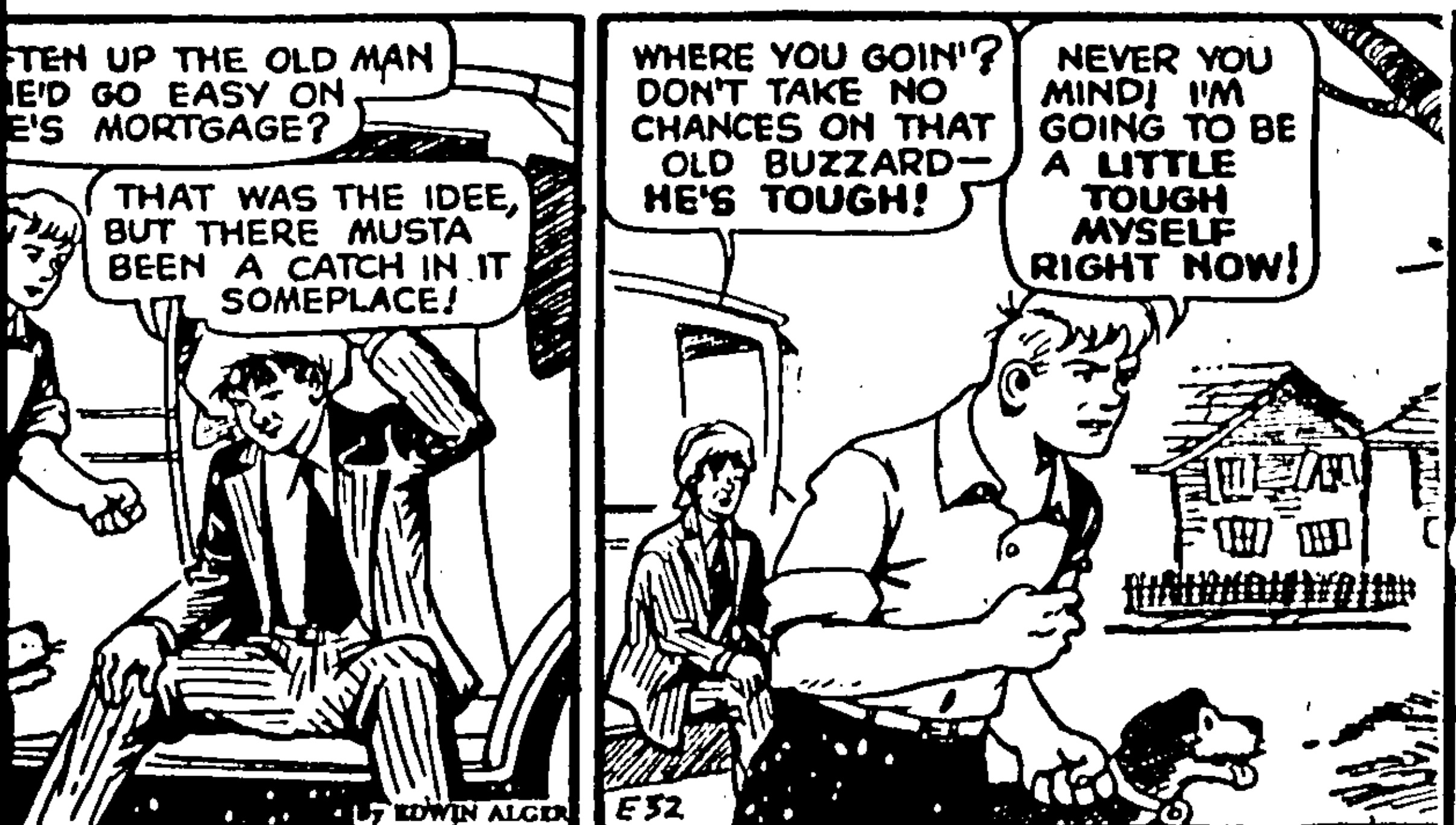
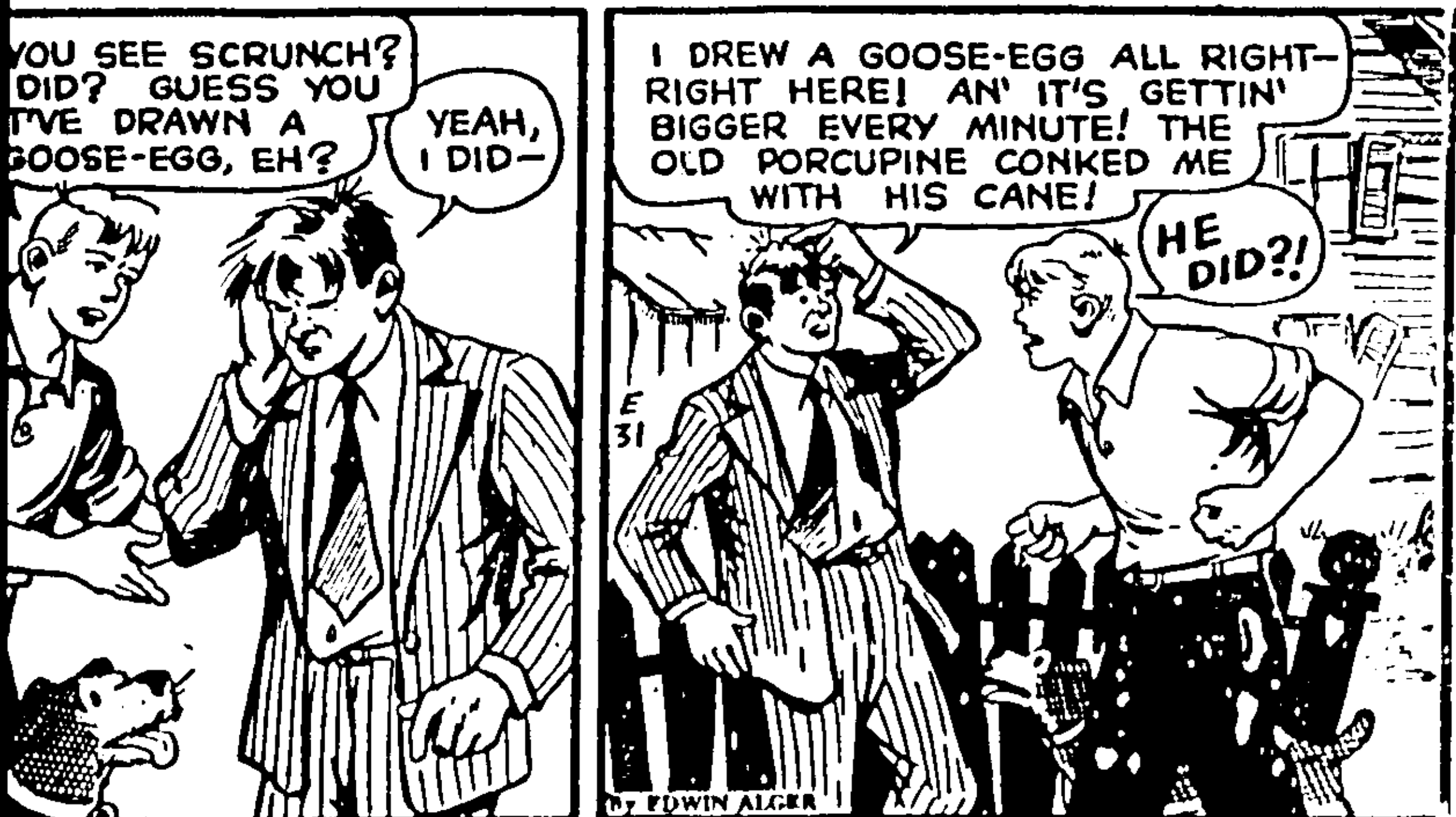
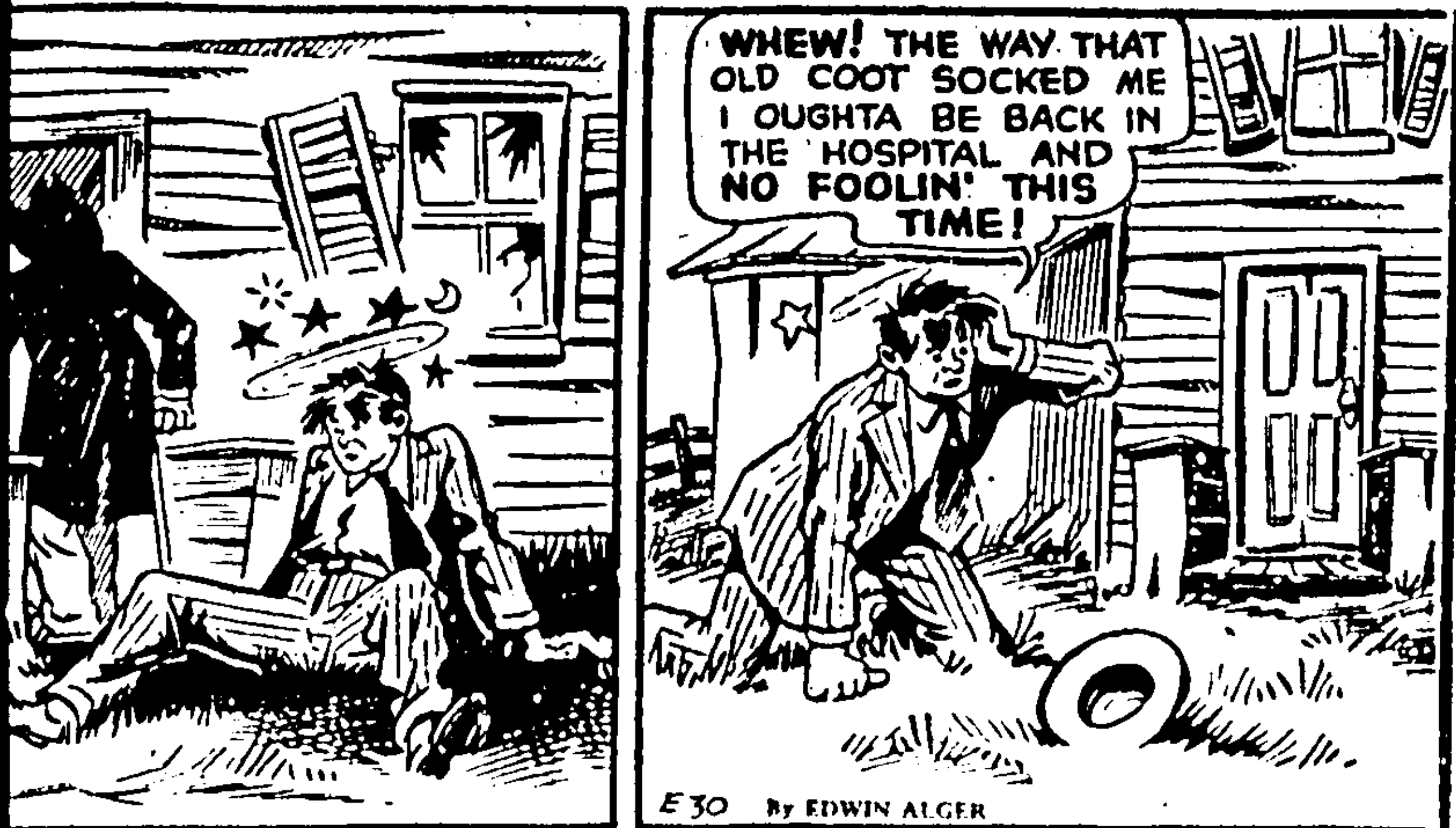
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SHORT STORY

NOBBY'S REFORMATION

By James L. Hawkins

PASSING through a busy shopping street in one of our midland towns I was halted by a cheerful cry from a prosperous-looking individual who was standing in front of a well-supplied greengrocers' establishment which was doing a rushing trade.

"Yes, guv'nor, it's me, Nobby," said the prosperous-looking citizen. Then he winked, made a gesture with his right thumb and said, "They're open," mystic words which meant that beer could be procured at those establishments which purvey it at certain hours.

Frankly, I was puzzled. I had known Nobby when he was irreclaimable, a born thief. He would not have stolen from his friends, but strangers he regarded as legitimate prey.

In fact, the last I had heard of him was when he was sentenced to six months imprisonment by a London stipendiary magistrate on a charge which would not have convicted anyone with an unblemished character. Nobby's record had been so bad that the police had only to run him into court for him to receive as stiff a jolt as the Bench could administer.

But now, he was fat, clean and flourishing. Whatever could he be up to?

We drank in silence, then he half-whispered: "It's all right, guv'nor, I'm strictly on the up-and-up. Nice little business, all legitimate, and ain't the missus pleased!"

Mrs. Nobby was a nice little party who had been extraordinarily faithful to her erring spouse, while having no part in his anti-social activities.

"Come up and have a bit of dinner," said the reformed Nobby, "I always go home at one. The wife's sister looks after the shop. She's a rare good 'un at figures and manages the boys like a real sergeant-major. I've a staff working for me now, guv'nor, an' a motor-van that takes round the goods."

I accepted the invitation and was warmly greeted by Mrs. Nobby, who gave us a rare good meal, after which my host produced cigars that really came from Havana and told me of the manner in which he was saved from the path of unrighteousness.

He told me in the vernacular, but I will endeavour to tell the story in plain English.

"You know that I got six months' prison for something I had not done, but-I had been loitering near the scene of the robbery, and, with my bad character, that was enough. When I came out, I was in a raging temper. The Prisoners' Aid Society did precious little to help, and the prison chaplain said that I did not deserve help. That was because I could not stand his meaty-mouthed ways and had told him so."

Nobby poured something out of a cut-glass decanter into my glass and continued:

"But I remembered something an old pal had told me. You know old Redstone, the fence?" I nodded. I know quite a number of peculiar people in Nobby's old neighbourhood.

"Well, my pal told me that Redstone had given me away to the police, who were determined to get me on any charge, as they had been told that I had got away with the Harborough loot."

"Now that was not my job. I have never gone in for country-house burglary or robbery, and the police must have known it, but they are very stupid sometimes. Anyway I had words with Redstone about something else and I reckoned that my pal was telling me the truth."

"Well, there I was, out of gaol with about five bob in my pocket, and that did not go far, considering the present price of beer which is a national outrage. Hands off the people's food, say I. Yes, I've done a lot of reading in my time. Some of His Majesty's hotels have good libraries, guv'nor."

"It came on dark and a scheme that had been brewing in my head came to a head, if you follow what I mean. Redstone was so cocksure that none of the mob would dare touch his goods, or the stuff he had 'fenced,' that it would be easy meat. I would wait till

the pubs closed and pay him a visit.

"You know where he lives, but you do not know where he receives the visitors who come on business; and I'm not going to tell you that, much as I trust you. It is better for you not to know. I drop in unannounced-like and old Redstone gives me a sickly smile. "Fancy seeing you, Nobby. Oh, of course, you're out again. Do you want a stake to keep you going?"

"I could see he was scared stiff, and he does not scare easily as a rule, so I answer, Yes and no, Mr. Redstone, but I want honest money. I know you have that Piccadilly loot and there is a reward for it. As it was stolen when I was safely behind the walls, there can be nothing against me turning it in to the assessors, so you had better hand it over."

"He was so cocksure that no one dared worry him that he had stolen property lying about all over his flat, yes, his flat right in Mayfair, not that dirty old house in the Commercial-road that you know of."

"Before he could answer me, I went and picked up a pendant which was a lovely thing. "That's one of the articles listed as stolen," said I. "You had better kick through with the remainder or else out you go. I'm packing a shooter this trip. I'm tired of doing jobs that you have set up for me and of getting five per cent of the proceeds." I must have looked plenty tough, for the old ape sighs and hands over a black bag. I cover him with my shooter which I had borrowed from a pal. It was one of those things you buy in junk shops to fire blank cartridges, then I pick up the telephone and call up Voce, the assessor, whose private number I had looked up before raiding Mr. Redstone."

"Voce is in and answers me himself. He knows me of old, and I tell him that I have just emerged from Joe Girr, stir, gaol, call it what you like, and that I had chanced on the proceeds of the Piccadilly robbery. If he could meet me outside the block of flats where Redstone lived, I would hand the property over to him. He had better bring a man along with him. No, there was no trick in it. Of course I did not mention that I was speaking from Redstone's flat or that the fence lived anywhere near the suggested rendezvous."

Here my host broke off and reached for the decanter, but I shook my head, for I'm not a great hand for spirits in the daytime; and I noticed that Mrs. Nobby looked pleased as Nobby put back the decanter with a sigh and a look of perfectly noble resignation.

"Voce promises to meet me in an hour's time, so I keep Mr. Redstone engaged in pleasant conversation, having bidden him to be 'out' to any chance visitors."

"When the clock reaches five minutes to one, I arise and bow politely to my host, having previously disconnected several wires that might be burglar-alarms, and take my departure."

"I run down the stairs and hide myself in the shadows in a place I have already marked down. At one o'clock punctually down sweeps Mr. Voce in his Rolls-Royce. He jumps out, flanked by two hefty guys with dials like gorillas with the tooth-ache."

"I emerge from the shadows and in my best society voice, say, 'Here you are, Mr. Voce, I found these an hour and a half ago. I think you will find everything there.'"

"Get into the car," says he, and drives me off to his home in Knightsbridge. Into the study I go, followed by the gorillas, and Voce undoes the black bag and takes over the pendant which I had wrapped up in my pocket-handkerchief. He inspects the loot most carefully. "You've done a good job, Nobby," says he, "They're the original gems untouched. How did you do it? Oh, wait a moment," and he goes to the telephone, calls a number, has a bit of a talk and then comes back, dismisses the gorillas, having locked up the spoil in a safe in another room, pours me out a real drink, gives me a smoke and once again invites me to talk. I had to

shake my head. "I can't tell you, Mr. Voce. But I want you to say that I rang you up about tennish and told you I thought I might be able to get the jewellery back unharmed. Your methods are yours, mine are mine, see."

"He smiles at that, for he has to do funny things sometimes to recover stolen property, things that are not exactly approved of by stipendiary magistrates. Nobby rolled the last two words around his tongue as if he liked the sound of them, and cast a languishing glance at the decanter. His ever-watchful wife smiled and whispered, "Well, just a little one, Nobby, seeing as you have an old friend here."

We had just a little one.

"Well, Mr. Voce produces some food which I stand badly in need of, and we chat amiable, like, when a ring comes at the door and a gent in evening clothes comes on the scene. He is the husband of the lady who had lost all the pretty sparklers in Piccadilly where they live."

"He goes with Voce to see the jewels and comes back, looking more puzzled than pleased. "Yes, they're my wife's all right," says he, then to me, "Where did you get them, my good man?"

"Now I hate that expression. It may be I've an inferiority complex—good word that, guv'nor—but I hate anyone calling me his good man. I'm not a good man and I've been a damned bad 'un, so that's that. Anyway I start to dislike me lord in evening clothes. I sense that somehow or the other he's going to try to gyp me out of the reward, so I says in my best society voice, 'I'm afraid I can't tell you that, sir,' with a sarcastic emphasis on the 'sir.'"

"Oh, but you must." "Sorry I cannot. All I can say is what Mr. Voce knows already, that I had no hand in stealing the stuff."

"The evening dress fellow looks annoyed, very annoyed, but he is afraid of Voce, for some reason or the other. Then I spot a double-cross. There's something wrong with the insurance. Voce gets up and tells his visitor, 'I'll see you at the office in the morning and hand this stuff over to you.' 'Can't I have it to-night?' 'Sorry, I must hand it over to the company first.' The evening dress fellow shoots me a dirty look. He'd have me thrown in the river with lead on my feet some dark night if he got the chance. That was obvious."

"Voce comes back and says quietly, 'You need not worry, Nobby, you will get your reward all right. You had better stop here the night though. There's going to be trouble over this in the morning, and you might get picked up by the busies if you roam about. Even if I give you an advance, you'll only go to a night-club or some lodging house where you'll be looking for trouble. I know you of old.'"

"So I stops the night, or rather the early morning, in as pretty a room as you'd ever care to see, and in the morning a pretty girl brings me a cup of tea. Honest, if it hadn't been for the missus, I'd . . . and here Nobby had the grace to pause. I pretended not to notice this last confession, and my host continued:

"I go down to the insurance company with Mr. Voce all proud and pretty in his car. He'd lent me shaving tackle, I'd had a real bath, not a prison one, and he'd hunted me out some old clothes. A bit on the large size perhaps, but I'd never looked such a toff ever since I 'screwed' (burgled) that Handsworth bookmaker and touched four hundred nicker in ready cash, but I must forget about all those things now," and Nobby assumed a positively pious look that really alarmed me. It was so unnatural."

"I go in with Mr. Voce to a very posh office where the high muckamucks of the company are gathered together in the name of Mammon and I all see Mr. Oglewren, the West End pawnbroker, a real nice fellow, too. He's often dashed me a tosheroon when I've been down and out. Many a joke I've had with him. He used to say that he paid me protection so you that I would not screw his joint."

"He comes over. Puts out his hand. 'Glad to see you, Nobby. You've done yourself a bit of good. I won't ask any questions, but you just listen to what is going to be said and then you may care to talk. Just then the evening clothes bloke comes in, arrayed all handsome-like in clothes that simply stank of Saville Row. You know, the street where all the posh tailors sling you for your clobber."

"I was led out and told to sit quiet in a waiting-room, given a box of cigarettes to play with and some papers to read. There was a pretty typist who came in now and then to see if I was still in the land of the living and her and I got on champion."

Mrs. Nobby only smiled at this. She knew her man. In spite of his frequent allusions to the pulchritude of diverse females he had met while on his adventures, Nobby was that rare bird, a really faithful husband. I have noticed that a good many of the so-called professional criminal class are excellent husbands, but that has really not got anything to do with this narrative."

"I was getting thirsty," continued Nobby, "and had serious thoughts of going out and knocking one back, when a nice young fellow comes into the waiting-room and announces, 'Would you mind coming with me, Mr. Nobby. The Manager thought you might like some "refreshment." Lovely words, lovely words. He takes me down to a fine canleen the company has got in the basement, all painted white, and here we put the nose-bag on, starting with some bottled Bass and finishing with coffee and cigars, just like real toffs."

"The young fellow is a real good 'un. Smart as you make 'em, though he's only a bit of a kid, as you might say. It was only afterwards that I find out that he is one of the best investigators the company has got and that Scotland Yard can't teach him much."

"When we get back to the waiting-room, the pretty typist is there. 'Will you please go into Mr. Muggin's office. They're waiting for you,' says she."

"We enter. The blokes are all smoking cigars, except the evening dress fellow who is smoking stinky gaspers, 'Gyptian or something. "The head bloke, him who sits behind the big desk and looks like a judge and a pawnbroker mixed, clears his throat and addresses himself to me." Here Nobby coughed importantly. He had found another expression that pleased him."

"Mr. Nobby," says he, "I wish that you would tell us here, under the seal of secrecy, of course, how exactly you retrieved the lost property. It will make no difference to your reward."

"I thinks a bit, then looks him in the eye. "The Good Lord help you if you're trying to pull anything funny across me, but as Mr. Voce and Mr. Oglewren are both here and they're both gentlemen known to me and respected by me, here goes," and I tell them the story, not neglecting to add that I had wiped the toy pistol clear of finger-prints and thrown it away in a dust-bin."

"You should have seen them. Mr. Oglewren was roaring with laughter and Mr. Voce tried to keep a straight face then split his sides with honest mirth. Even Mr. Muggin, the boss of the company, grins and reaches for his handkerchief. The young bloke who had taken me out to feed was laughing uproariously as they say in the classics, while I look from one to the other. Honest, I was as serious as a judge at a hanging. You see, I felt none too certain of what was going to happen. Only the evening clothes fellow looks old-fashioned-like. He'd have cut my throat with pleasure."

"You may depend on us that no word of this will be mentioned outside this office," says Mr. Muggin. "Now, if you will go downstairs with the young gentleman who brought you in, you will find a cheque waiting for you. If it is not convenient for you to cash, we will arrange that for you."

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H.K. TRAMWAYS CARRY 71 MILLION PASSENGERS IN YEAR

"THE HONG KONG TRAMWAYS mileage is now the equivalent of once round the world at the equator every 48 hours. And if I may be permitted a further flight of imagination, I would add that if the population of the Island be taken at three-quarters of a million, then your tramcars are carrying the equivalent of the population approximately 96 times per annum or eight times every month," said Mr. A. H. Compton, chairman, at the annual meeting of the Hong Kong Tramways Limited, held in Jardine's board room to-day.

Mr. Compton was supported by Sir Shouson Chow, Messrs. H. V. Wilkinson, M. K. Lo, T. E. Pearce, directors, D. L. Newbigging, alternate director for Mr. J. J. Paterson, L. C. F. Bellamy, general manager, and W. F. Simmons, secretary and general manager.

The chairman said:—

In his speech from this chair a year ago Mr. J. J. Paterson said that the year 1938 had been an extraordinary one and that previous records in respect of traffic receipts, passengers, car-miles and profit had all been eclipsed. Exactly the same can be said of the year 1939. Compared with the previous year traffic receipts are up by \$453,440, passengers at a fraction under 71 millions are up by nearly 1½ millions or 19 per cent. and are more than double the 1938 figure. The year's profit is up on last year by \$241,324 or 20.36 per cent.

More car-miles were operated in order to achieve these remarkable results and this mileage is now the equivalent of once round the world at the equator every 48 hours.

I will not attempt any forecast of how long the prevailing abnormal traffic is going to continue.

NEW YEAR RECORD

Last month's receipts are \$13,000 higher than the receipts for January last year whilst the week ended last Saturday which covered the Chinese New Year celebrations was the greatest week in our history, the number of passengers averaging a quarter of a million per day.

Six new tramcars were ordered about a year ago and four of them are now in service. The European war has affected delivery of certain equipment but it is hoped that the two remaining cars—bringing our total stock of tramcars to 109—will be in service not later than April next.

In 1938 an experimental air brake was fitted to a tramcar and as a result it has now been decided to equip all tramcars with air brakes. A dozen air brake cars are already on the road and it is hoped that the work of equipping the whole of the rolling stock will be completed by the end of next year.

The air brake will be additional to the powerful electric (emergency) brake and to the mechanical brake operated by a manually applied wheel. The latter, however, will be used as a parking brake only. The air brake will be the service brake, the sensitivity and ease of application of which is already being greatly appreciated by the motormen who are saved much physical effort.

TRACK REPLACEMENT

It is expected that a very important track replacement will be undertaken this year. I refer to Causeway Road, between our Causeway Bay terminus and the western end of King's Road. Government intends not only to widen this road but to raise and level it. At one part it will be raised by as much as four feet. We shall require to build a new double track on the new alignment and some inconvenience to passengers on the Shauiwan tramcars will be unavoidable whilst this work is going forward.

During 1939, \$370,930.61, was expended upon capital additions for new tramcars and air-brake equipment, already mentioned, completion of the new King's Road depot and track renewal and re-construction.

The year in review has been an important one from the point of view of our royalty payments. For the

past 25 years a 5 per cent. royalty on working profit has been paid to the Government of Hong Kong. From the Chairman's references in annual meeting of 1928, 1934 and 1938 shareholders are aware that, by terms of the Tramway Ordinance, the rate of royalty hereafter to be paid increased to 25 per cent. in the year 1939.

This change was effective from September 22 last and the Royalty figure incorporated in the accounts before you is \$147,402.48 against \$7,601.29 paid for 1938.

Preparation for this increased royalty has been made for many years and I am glad to say the practice of maintaining annual allocations to reserve and our policy of building up a substantial investment position is now serving the intended purpose. On the occasion of the annual meeting two years ago the chairman, referring to amounts written-off against goodwill and construction expenses (now extinguished), said:

"This charge together with the appropriation to general reserve now regularly debited in profit and loss account, or at least some part of it, will thus be available from the time that our increased Royalty becomes effective."

FOUR LAKHS IN FUTURE

On a basis of revenues continuing at present levels, future annual royalty will approximate to four lakhs of dollars; truly an important contribution to the revenues of the Colony. The increase represented by this estimate over the amount provided in 1939 is more than covered by the figure of \$400,000 set aside to reserve out of the year's results, and shows that the much heavier royalty liability now to be borne is met without threat to dividend expectations.

The net profit of the year was \$1,426,277.99. Of this \$400,000 has been transferred, as explained, to general reserve account, and \$22,500 is written-off investments.

The latter charge reduces to actual cost the book value of an investment taken at market value on December 31, 1938. During the year an additional \$230,098.97 was placed in dividend bearing securities and book value of the total investment account at balance sheet date stands at \$1,534,248.97. This was slightly higher than at stock market rates of the last day of the year. At, however, yesterday's official quotations and inclusive of a further purchase since made it is gratifying to report the present market valuation of these investments is \$31,500 above the book value; a very satisfactory position in present times, I am sure you will agree.

An interim dividend of 50 cents per share was paid in August last and your directors now recommend a final dividend of \$1.00, making \$1.50 per share and amounting to \$975,000 for the year. This, the company's record distribution, is 15 cents per share better than for 1938 and leaves \$128,262.25 to be carried forward—\$28,777.99 more than brought into account from the previous year.

On behalf of the shareholders, Mr. H. S. Hill congratulated the directors on the year's working and profits.

THEFT FROM CAR

Mr. G. W. Reeve, of No. 461, The Peak, has reported the theft of a book and a felt hat from his car, No. 2979, which was parked near the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank yesterday.



Mr. and Mrs. F. F. A. Dunnett photographed after their marriage at the Registry on Wednesday. Mrs. Dunnett was formerly Miss Jennie Paula White. (Staff Photographer).

NOBBY'S REFORMATION

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"Mr. Oglewren follows us but. 'I've done me a right good turn, says he. 'Well, I finish up with more money than I ever dreamt of and I takes a

A.R.P. BY STAR FERRY

A profit for the year of \$501,490.57 was reported by the Star Ferry Co., Ltd., at the annual meeting held this morning in Jardine's board room at 11.30 o'clock. Mr. A. H. Compton was in the chair, supported by Messrs. S. H. Dodwell, D. F. Landale, H. V. Wilkinson and T. B. Manners, secretary.

After the chairman had presented his report, a shareholder asked for information about the expenditure of \$9,315.74 on A.R.P., which he called a "rather extraordinary item."

The chairman said that this was in connection with Kowloon Pier. It comprised \$8,125 on the purchase of 65,000 sandbags; \$110 for a portable fire engine with hose; and \$80 for four extinguishers. This was to protect the passengers in case a ferry was caught in the middle of the harbour or just as it arrived at the pier. They might be able to get back some of the money spent on sandbags "if the war ends in time!"

Presenting his report, the chairman said:—

Traffic receipts were slightly less than those of 1938. Working expenses were also lower, however, so that the reduction in working profit amounted to less than 2 per cent.

15,000,000 PASSENGERS

Approximately the same numbers used our ferries as in 1938 and it is estimated that more than 15 million passengers were carried.

The cost of coal and fuel oil for 1939 was rather less than in 1938 but this year, I am sorry to say, it will be very much greater as the price of coal has increased 50 per cent. I cannot forecast what the cost of our fuel oil, coal and stores will amount to this year as it is impossible yet to contract for our full requirements.

It has been customary for some time for the chairman of this meeting to make reference to the pier leases which are due to expire in 1949. I can only repeat that shareholders will be advised without delay as soon as there is any definite news. Meanwhile the matter has the closest attention of your board.

The company's fleet is kept in first class condition but two of our ferries are 15 years old and two are 14 years old. So long as there is any uncertainty in regard to pier leases it would, of course, be highly imprudent to build any further.

cab back home to my little misses, and she laughs and cries and presently Mr. Oglewren and Mr. Voce come in, and the missus makes them a cup of tea and they talk serious to us both.

"Nobby, you've got to reform," says Mr. Voce, Mr. Oglewren and I have been talking about you. He wants to do something for you. Now you know something about the green-grocery trade?"

"I do, Mr. Voce, I was raised in it."

"That's all to the good, then. Mr. Overwren has a little shop at a place called Nerchester, and he's going to make it over to you. You've got to make a go of it, else heaven help you. You can get a nice little place to live in quite cheap out there, now you've a spot of ready money, you can pay cash down, start a bank account and sit really pretty. What do you say?"

"Gentlemen" says I, 'I have never once said that I'd turn straight, but I promise you both that I will, even if I have to go on the dole.'

"And my little missus kisses me, then she goes and hugs them both and begins to cry, just because she is happy. Funny people, women."

"We give away most of our goods and chattels to other folk in the building. The missus gives some money as well. She's like that."

"We pack what we wish to keep and depart, stopping for her to do a little shopping and does she make a hole in some five-pound notes. We stays in a hotel that night and next morning, take the train for Nerchester. We've the deeds to the shop, we're lucky to find this little house cheap and we've been happy ever since."

"Now let me tell you the truth of the business. I only learnt it the other day when Mr. Voce came up here on a case."

"The bloke with the evening clothes and his missus were proper schemers. Very posh family and all that, but real bad 'uns. They hocked the real jewels with Mr. Oglewren and staged a burglary through Mr. Redstone of the imitations. Mr. Redstone's bright young burglars had screwed Mr. Oglewren's place and he was responsible for the jewellery somehow or the other. Anyway, it was a rare mixup. I was lucky enough to get the real stones from the 'fence' and so saved both the pawn-broker and the insurance company a large fortune. I'm not pulling the long bow. I was thunderstruck when Mr. Voce told me how many thousands."

"Of course Mr. Evening-clothes and his missus would have been rumbled in any case. They staged a sucker act, but then these amateur criminals always make mistakes. But in the meantime, a lot of money would have been paid out and a lot of work would have had to be done. There would have been law-suits and what not."

"But ever since then, I've been on the up-and-up. I've even been to church with the missus, though I don't make it a habit. I like to be in of a Sunday and to think of Mr. Redstone down in his little 'flowery' (prison cell) repenting of his sins. Yes, guv'nor, he got ten years of the best shortly afterwards."

"By the way, you've not seen the nipper yet, we named him after you."



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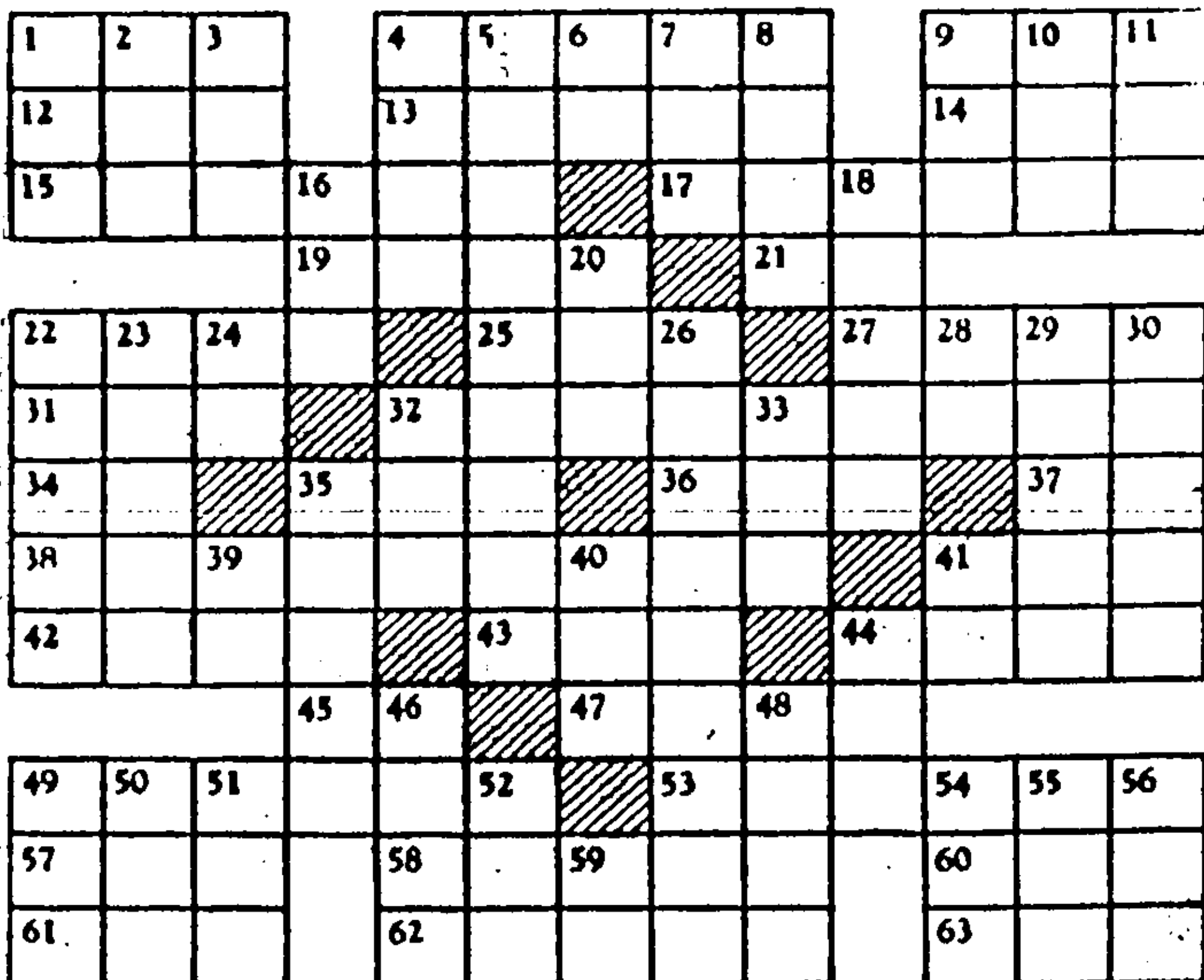
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- 25 Stripling
- 27 Appellation of Athena
- 31 To soak
- 32 Implements
- 34 Indian mulberry
- 35 To study
- 36 Fish limb
- 37 Pronoun
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- 41 Poem
- 42 Discount
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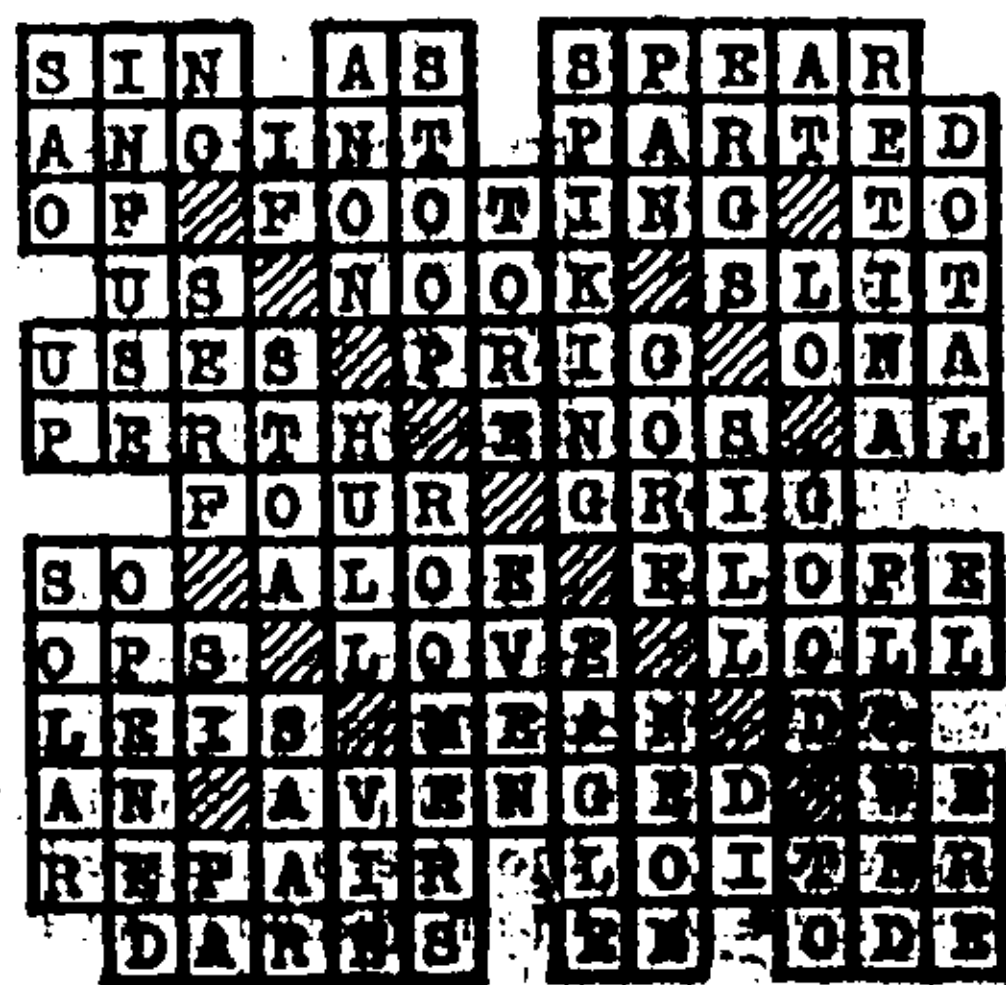
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- 9 Assam silkworm
- 10 Fabulous bird
- 11 To profit
- 16 Ethiopian title
- 18 To empty
- 20 To make edging
- 22 Tilled land
- 23 Man's name
- 24 Pronoun
- 26 One accused
- 28 Scale note
- 29 To avoid
- 30 Item of property
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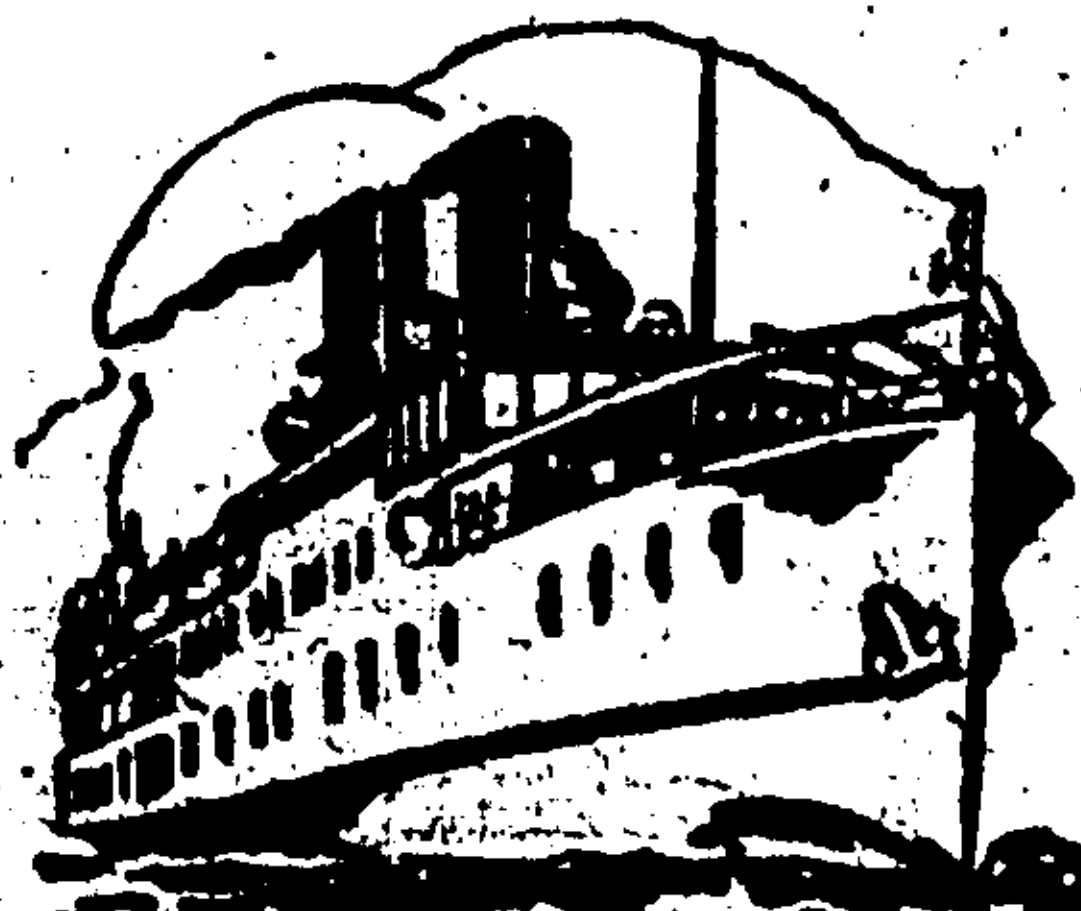
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HONG KONG OVERWHELM MARINES

On Saturday, February 11, the Hong Kong Interport Rugby team beat U. S. Marines in Shanghai by 12 points to 3. The following is the "North China Daily News" comment on the players:

The pitch was in splendid condition and the day was the brightest Shanghai has enjoyed for some weeks and Hong Kong took full advantage of the conditions. Their method of play revealed an entirely new team as compared with the side that defeated Shanghai, and the Marines retired well beaten by a far superior side. Hong Kong had the ball back as quickly as possible on all possible occasions and the outsiders did the rest. That was all there was to it and try as the Marines might—and they played as well as they were allowed—they found in the opposition something they had not met in Shanghai for a couple of years.

Outmanoeuvring and outspeeding the "leathernecks" Hong Kong played really splendid football and the manner in which perfect team work caught the Marines on the wrong foot time and again was delightful to watch. It was not generally thought that the Marine backs would be slower than the invaders but the southerners proved far nippier and this caused the Americans plenty of trouble.

Loose kicking by the Marines, too, was punished severely by the Hong Kong backs who hardly ever failed to find touch with long kicks to drive back their rivals again and again. The Marine outsiders showed up poorly. They have never displayed that thrust that good backs do but yesterday their handling and passing was not as good as it has been this season. Possibly the importance of the occasion had something to do with this.

OPEN PLAY

It is not to be imagined that the Marines were out of the picture. Far from it! Although they lacked the rugged sense of their adversaries, they used their weight advantage to good effect and in the second half had the better of the match from a territorial viewpoint. But when it came to open play—and there was enough of it to charm the Rugby follower's heart—there was only one team in it and that was Hong Kong.

Henderson and Thomson, the two smallest players on the field, stood out head and shoulders above everybody else, their touch kicking and opening out of the play being up to a high standard.

Bosanquet, the speedy right-winger, turned in another splendid performance and had he been given a few more chances the score would have probably been increased. Bidwell excelled in his kicking while the manner in which he often drew two



Dieting Dot says she finds the holiday season has had a lot to do with the weights and measures.

Marines before parting with the ball was most clever. He was inclined, however, to crowd his wing too close to the line before letting the ball out but on the whole he was as good as the Bidwell that Shanghai knew a few years ago.

The other Hong Kong outsiders played splendid football in both attack and defence. The forwards did a great job of work. They more than held their own against a very determined pack and this fact alone was responsible for paving the way to victory. Walkden led them well but each and every member of a hard-working pack knew what he had to do and did it.

With the Marines' outsiders playing a losing game they had few chances to shine but Betteridge and Brown put in some clever defensive work. Malari was not happy at full-back, this usually reliable kicker being unable to find touch with the ease he generally does. He was caught on the wrong foot more than once but it was a mistake to have moved him to the left wing towards the close. Nobody else could have done better. The American forwards played hard and, at times, well but they spoiled a number of opportunities by becoming offside. In addition they failed to utilise their dangerous footrushes enough for Hong Kong never at any period of the game relished this type of play.

Hong Kong:—J. R. Henderson; H. van Leeuwen; J. Hutchison; H. D. Bidwell; D. I. Bosanquet; J. C. Charter; J. M. Thomson; Dr. E. W. Stout; K. W. Salter; A. F. Walkden (Captain); C. F. Needham; B. Hynes; G. B. Godfrey; A. J. G. Taylor and J. Redman.

U.S. Marines:—Malari; Betteridge; Barker; Walker; Nicolai; Brown; Blondin; Morton; Drewiczewski; Atkins; Duhovich; Connolly; Soloway; Davis (Captain) and Ball.

Referee:—Mr. G. S. Dunkley.

WAHOOS' PROTEST FAILS

The protest lodged by the Wahoos in their softball match against the Canadian Chinese Girls in the Ladies' League on Sunday was dealt with yesterday by a committee comprising Mr. Johnny Mayhew and S. J. Molthen.

The opinion of the committee was that the play did not come within the category of a blocked, or dead, ball and, therefore, the protest could not be upheld.

ARMY CRICKET TEAMS

The following teams will represent Army in their cricket matches against I.R.C. on Saturday. The "A" team are at home, the "B" team away.

"A" Team:—Capt. D. C. E. Grose (Captain), Major W. G. Harvey, Capt. D. A. Duke, Capt. P. J. T. Skipwith, Capt. J. D. Holmes, Sgt. Denyer, Cpl. Webb, Cpl. Murphy, L/Cpl. Shaw, L/Cpl. Young and Dvr. Logan.

"B" Team:—Capt. J. F. Lawrence (Captain), Brigadier T. MacLeod, Major J. E. Swyer, Major C. R. Templer, Lieut. A. W. F. Peal, Lieut. B. A. Fergus, S/Sgt. Gardner, Cpl. Blount, Cpl. Boocock, L/Bdr. Ward and Pte. Hatfield.

FEDERATION TEAMS FOR TO-MORROW

Following will represent the Chinese Federation against Saigon at soccer to-morrow:—

Cheung Wing-choi; Hau Yung-sang and Li Tin-sang; Tse Kam-hung, Leung Wing-chiu and Hui King-sing; Tang Kwong-sum, Cheung Kam-hoi, Chan Tak-fai, Fung King-cheung, and Hau Ching-tao.

Reserves:—Wong Wah-kui, Lee Kwok-wai, Tsang Chung-wan, Chau Man-chi, Cheuk Shek-kam, Cheng Ying-kuen, Yip Pak-wah, Wong King-chung, Lee Shek-yau, and Mak Shiu-hong.

RUSSIA BUYING U.S. WHEAT

Chicago, To-day.

It is reported in local export quarters that Russia has purchased between three and five cargoes of Pacific Coast wheat, presumably for shipment to Vladivostok. — Reuter.

FUND TO AID FINNS

Mr. Henry McGrady Bell, a British business man, who recently returned from Helsinki and broadcast a talk on Finland has received over £4,000 in a few days to be devoted to helping the Finns. His talk was not an appeal for funds, but he has now decided to launch an appeal. He hopes to raise about £10,000.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations to-day:

BANKS

Hong Kong Bank \$1405 b., C.D.

INSURANCES

Canton Ins. \$212½ b.
Union Ins. \$465 b., \$470 sa.
China Underwriters \$1 s.
H.K. Fire Ins. \$180 b.

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H.K. Docks \$22.35 s., \$22¼/15 sa.
Providents \$4.60 b.

LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.

H.K. and S. Hotels \$5.65 b.
H.K. Lands \$36¼ b., \$36½ sa.
Humphreys \$7¼ b., X.D.
H.K. Realities \$4¼ b.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

H.K. Tramways \$18.30 b., \$18.45 sa.
Yaumati Ferries \$24¼ b.
China Lights (Old) \$7.90 b.
China Lights (New) \$4.95 b., \$5 sa.
H.K. Electrics \$57 b., \$57½ sa.
Macao Electrics \$20 b.
Sandakan Lights \$11½ b.
Telephones (Old) \$25.80 b.
Telephones (New) \$9½ b.

INDUSTRIALS

Cements \$19.10 b.

H.K. Ropes \$5¼ b.

STORES, &C.

Dairy Farms (Old) \$22 b., \$22¼/- .30 sa.

Dairy Farms (New) \$21.10 b., \$21¼ sa.

Watsons \$9.40 b., \$9.60 s.

MISCELLANEOUS

Entertainments \$7.10 b.

Constructions (Old) \$1¼ b.

MANILA SHARES

Antamoks Ps. 16¼ sa.

Atoks Ps. 19 sa.

Bagulo Gold Ps. 23½ b.

Batong Buhay Ps. .014 b.

Benguet Consol. Ps. 5.60 b.

Big Wedge Ps. .20½ sa.

Coco Grove Ps. 14½ b.

Consol. Mines Ps. .004 b.

Demonstrations Ps. .13 b.

East Mindanao Ps. .10 sa.

I.X.L. Ps. 37½ b.

Ipo Gold Ps. 11½ sa.

Itogons Ps. 27½ b.

Masbates Ps. 10 sa.

Mind. Mother Lode Ps. .09¼ sa.

Mine Operation Ps. .10½ b.

North Camarines Ps. .09½ sa.

Paracale Gumaus Ps. 22½ sa.

San Mauricio Ps. .82 b.

Surigao Consol. Ps. .17 sa.

Suyoc Consol. Ps. 12½ sa.

Syndicate Inv. Ps. .024 sa.

United Paracales Ps. .30 b.

ESCAPEE WITHDREW PAROLE

The Air Ministry has denied a statement broadcast from Germany that an R.A.F. officer had broken his parole to escape from internment in Luxembourg.

The officer escaped, but only after he had withdrawn his parole. He was at the time under the surveillance of a Luxembourg officer.

After staying some time under surveillance in the barracks, he asked for permission to walk on ramparts in the immediate neighbourhood. Though accompanied by the officer, the Englishman escaped in the darkness.

PRISONERS' ESCAPE BID

Four soldiers, manacled in pairs, made a dash for freedom from a train at Byfleet, Surrey.

Jumping from a compartment as the train stopped, the men eluded their guards and ran across "live" electric rails.

They climbed a wooden fence and disappeared.

Police joined in the hunt. The four men were later captured on the station.

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ARMY CRICKET

BRILLIANT FORM OF
CORPORAL SHAW

THANKS TO THE BRILLIANT form of Cpl. Shaw, Royal Engineers scored a six-wicket victory over Royal Artillery in a friendly cricket match at Sookunpoo yesterday.

BRITISH
ARMY BEATS
THE FRENCH

RHEIMS, TO-DAY.
THE BRITISH ARMY BEAT THE FRENCH ARMY IN AN ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL MATCH PLAYED HERE YESTERDAY BY THE ONLY GOAL OF THE MATCH.

The Tommies, adapting themselves better to the tricky ground, showed all-round superiority.

After early keen exchanges, Stephenson, the English International inside-left, headed into an empty goal in the 20th minute.

After this, play was exciting, as the French made desperate efforts to equalise; once they struck the inside of the upright.—Reuter.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 13/16.

Silver was quoted at 20-3/4 spot and 20-3/4 forward.

The London on New York rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.025 and the New York on London rate at £—U.S.\$3.95.



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His second over started sensationally, the first three balls taking wickets for a "hat-trick." He took another wicket with the sixth ball and yet another with the fourth ball of his third over to complete a spell of

O.	M.	R.	W.
1.4	1	0	5

Not content with this fine feat, Shaw then proceeded to knock up 50, included in which were 10 fours. Sgt. Denyer scored 36.

ARTILLERY

Flinton, c Waite, b Megson	5
Searle, b Ratcliffe	0
S/Sgt. Marsh, c and b Shaw	7
Gnr. Ward, c Wilkinson, b Ratcliffe	0
Captain Hook, c Wilkinson, b Shaw	8
Major Templar, b Ratcliffe	1
Lieut. Lomar, not out	8
Bankan, c Goss, b Shaw	0
Billington, c Wilkinson, b Shaw	0
Thorpe, b Shaw	0
Splitter, b Shaw	0
Extras (B5, LB1)	6
Total	35

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Ratcliffe	5	2	7	3
Megson	3	0	8	1
Shaw	2.5	1	6	6
Denyer	1	0	8	0

ENGINEERS

Spr. Heath, lbw., b Thorpe	10
Sgt. Shipp, b Thorpe	5
Spr. Goss, c Templar, b Thorpe	5
Cpl. Shaw, c Marsh, b Thorpe	50
Cpl. Waite, b Thorpe	2
Spr. Bailey, b Thorpe	0
Captain Grose, lbw., b Thorpe	0
Spr. Ratcliffe, c Hook, b Searle	8
Sgt. Denyer, run out	36
Captain Wilkinson, c Marsh, b Templar	8
Sgt. Megson, not out	2
Extras (WB1, B15, LB3)	19
Total	145

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Ward	4	0	27	0
Thorpe	8	0	36	7
Billington	3	0	20	0
Searle	2	0	23	1
Templar	2	0	20	1

RADIO HOCKEY
TEAM

The following will represent Radio and Postal Sports Club in their Hockey League Fixture against University on Sunday at 10.30 a.m. at Caroline Hill:—U. B. Souza; A. E. P. Guest and J. S. Grewal; Jaggeet Singh, M. H. Hussain and Gudayal Singh; Kaminder Singh, G. Singh, Awtar Singh, J. M. Pinto and Jangeer Singh.

HOME FOOTBALL

London, To-day.

Playing at home in the South "A" Division yesterday Clapton Orient lost to Watford by the odd goal in three.—Reuter.



The Macao and Recreio Hockey teams which met in a friendly game during the Chinese New Year holidays.



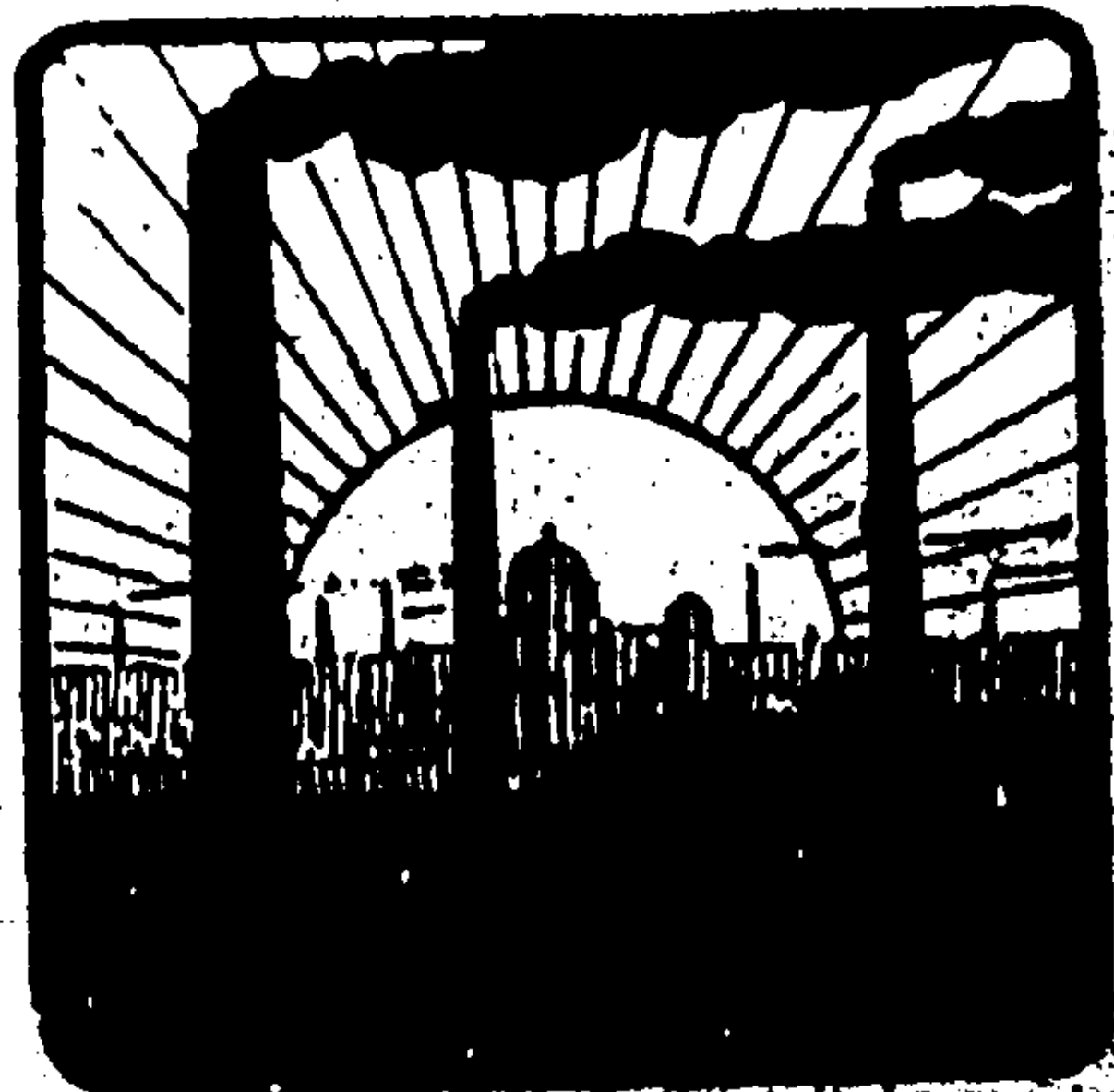
Tai, Saigon goalkeeper, seen tipping a high shot over the bar during the Saigon-South China game on Sunday.



University and Macao in action last Sunday.

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AUSTRALIAN DIAMOND, FAR VIEW & SAPPER LIKELY AUSTRALIAN WINNERS

(By "RAPIER")

ONCE again we are on the eve of another Annual Race Meeting, and arrangements for the 1940 Carnival, which will open to-morrow at the Valley, having been completed, it now remains for the weather to bestow its blessing on what may be regarded as the outstanding sporting event of the year. A great deal of attention has been lavished on the track, which is in splendid condition, and due to its dry state it is reasonable to expect that fast times will be recorded.

The first saddling bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the tiffin interval will be taken after the fourth race. The stage is all set, and there is every reason to believe that this year's meeting will be conducted under most satisfactory conditions.

The usual complement of Jockeys in Hong Kong are available; there is a new arrival from Tientsin in the person of Mr. Howell. The Moller brothers, "Boojie" and Chris, are here, and it is good to know that the racing public of Hong Kong will once again be able to enjoy the fine riding ability of Mr. F. "Peanut" Marshall. Mr. Harry Grams of Shanghai, who is also a newcomer to the Colony will handle the long string of ponies entered by the Marber stable, with the assistance of Mr. L. B. Chao. Notable absentees are Messrs. T. L. Wong, J. Pote-Hunt and F. Maitland.

To-morrow a varied programme of 10 events will be contested, instead of 12 as in previous years, due to the absence of new subscription griffins. The main events will be The Challenge Cup, the Maidens, the three sections of the Sydney Maiden Stakes and the Trial Plate.

RACE NO. 1: CHALLENGE CUP: 1 1/4 MILES:

The curtain rises with this long distance event, won last year by the late Silkyllight. I expect to see the following starters:—

Confusion Bay (Mr. D. Black).
Eve of Harvest (Mr. F. Marshall).
Just in Time (Mr. B. L. Tao).
Navyllight (Mr. Moller).
Red Feather (Mr. P. Wei).

Judging from its win in the Hong Kong Autumn Champions (1 1/4 Miles) Confusion Bay should not experience much difficulty in scoring the first win of the meeting. Good as Navyllight and Eve of Harvest are, and under the expert control of Messrs. Moller and Marshall respectively, I don't think they will be able to make any impression on Confusion Bay, which is really a different pony as compared with the time when it first made its appearance.

RACE NO. 2: BENDIGO HANDICAP: SIX FURLONGS:

This race is confined to "A" Class Australian ponies classified as at 31st. December, 1939, and will probably attract the following starters:—

A Great Time (Mr. B. L. Tao).
Courting Eve (Mr. H. C. Pih).
Criffel (Mr. Needa).
Devonian (Mr. D. Black).
Double Finesse (Mr. S. L. Yuen).

Lancashire Chips (Mr. P. Wei).
Tornado Star (Mr. Marshall).
Vixen Tor (Mr. Proulx).

With such a gathering of speed demons, there is no doubt that a treat is in store.

Criffel won the New Bridge Handicap at the Eleventh Extra Meeting last year carrying 145 lbs., but it will be carrying 5 lbs. more to-morrow, and for that reason I think its prospects of winning are not too rosy. Lancashire Chips had to carry 165 lbs. when it lost to Lucky Lad in a previous race, and as its weight has been reduced by 10 lbs. I honestly believe that it has a good chance of winning here. There is Devonian to be reckoned with, however. This pony is fast, and it will give Lancashire Chips a good run. I fancy Lancashire Chips to win, with Devonian second and Criffel third.

RACE NO. 3: MAIDEN STAKES: SIX FURLONGS:

Some of the new griffins will make their first appearance in this sprint event, with the following probably, starting:—

Care Free (Mr. Encarnacao).
Clember (Mr. Grams).
Dupont Bay (Mr. Black).
Eve of Reason (Mr. Marshall).
Gay Star (Mr. S. W. Pan).
Little Princess (Mr. S. L. Yuen).
Ohio (Mr. Needa).
Racylight (Mr. Moller).
Victoria (Mr. Howell).
White Diamond (Mr. Pih).
Xenophon (Mr. S. C. Liang).

After the easy manner in which Racylight recently polished off a recent mile gallop, I look to it to win this race. Clember has the appearance of a fast-moving animal, and I think it will give Racylight a good fight, with Dupont Bay as the other one to form the opposition.

I expect to see the finish in the following order: Racylight, Dupont Bay and Clember.

RACE NO. 4: SYDNEY MAIDEN STAKES (FIRST SECTION) SIX FURLONGS:

Judging from training performances, I regard the following as about the best in this section:—

Albury (Mr. C. Encarnacao).
Ascot Day (Mr. L. B. Chao).
Australian Diamond (Mr. B. L. Tao).

CHRIS MOLLER —NOT COMING—

Although it has been reported that Mr. C. B. Moller will be down here for the Annual Race Meeting, which opens to-morrow, it is now learned he is definitely not coming, thus leaving his elder brother Mr. R. B. "Boojie" Moller to take care of his father's ponies.

Many Thanks (Mr. Marshall).
Nancy Lee (Mr. Proulx).
Powerful Kid (Mr. H. C. Pih).

The finish will probably be fought out between Ascot Day and Australian Diamond, as they are fast-moving animals, and it will not surprise me to see the record for this distance lowered. Albury comes next, but I am inclined to look on this pony as being more suited to longer distances. Powerful Kid is not bad, and it may do well later on, and the same remarks apply to Many Thanks and Nancy Lee.

I nominate Australian Diamond to win, with Ascot Day second and Albury third.

RACE NO. 5: CURRAGH HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION) FROM THE TWO MILE POST ONCE ROUND AND IN:

This race is confined to "C" Class ponies classified as at 31st. December, 1939. Commencement Bay (Mr. S. C. Liang) has been given top weight of 168 lbs., and this should prove a severe handicap. With Rose Flana not entered, Galveston Bay, which suffered defeat from the former in the Last Chance Handicap, stands a good chance of winning. Boolat Bay (Mr. B. L. Tao) will probably take second place, with Rose-Queen (Mr. Encarnacao) third. Lovely Star has been improving in training, and if there should be an upset in this race Lovely Star will be probably cause it.

RACE NO. 6: CORAL HANDICAP: 1 1/4 MILES:

This will be contested by "A" Class Australian ponies classified as at 31st. December, and a good race should be witnessed with the following prominent in the running:

A Grand Time (Mr. P. Wei).
Baffin Bay (Mr. Hearne).
Chiltern (Mr. Encarnacao).
Lucky Lad (Mr. Needa).
Triumphant Day (Mr. B. L. Tao).
Winfred (Mr. H. C. Pih).

For its win in the Queensland Autumn Champions, A Grand Time has been penalised 13 lbs., but as this pony is very fit at the moment it is quite capable of handling this extra weight and still win. Lucky Lad is undoubtedly the most dangerous pony here, and provided Mr. Needa does not make his challenge too late this combination may win. There is also Triumphant Day to be considered, especially with only 145 lbs. to carry, and with Mr. Tao, its original jockey, in control. Baffin Bay, since coming in second to A Grand Time in the Champions, is up 5 lbs., and I think the best it can do here is to take third place. I expect to see A Grand Time win, with Lucky Lad second and Baffin Bay third.

RACE NO. 7: TRIAL PLATE: 1 1/4 MILES:

This is the first leg of the "Daily Double," and the result will serve as a guide towards picking the ultimate winner of the Derby. I doubt whether Burford will make an appearance, its owner probably preferring to reserve it for the big race on Monday.

The following will probably line up: Craigavad (Mr. C. Encarnacao). Distinctive Time (Mr. P. Wei). Eve of Dancing (Mr. Marshall). Grether (Mr. Grams). Mount Hope Bay (Mr. Black). O-Lan (Mr. Needa). Satinlight (Mr. R. B. Moller). Spicylight (Mr. C. B. Moller).

In my opinion the finish will be fought out between Mount Hope Bay, Satinlight and Spicylight. Satinlight has been consistently trained for long distances and with Mr. "Boojie" Moller in control it is strongly fancied to win. I think it will meet with strong opposition from Spicylight, its stable mate, which is quite capable of winning, in view of its recent track work when it covered the mile in 2.02.0. Mount Hope Bay should, however, not be left out of the reckoning.

RACE NO. 8: SYDNEY MAIDEN STAKES: (SECOND SECTION) SIX FURLONGS:

I expect to see the following facing the starter:—

Catterick Bridge (Mr. Needa).
Circe (Mr. S. W. Tang).
Contact (Mr. Davis).
Grand Allegiance (Mr. H. C. Pih).
Jungle Princess (Mr. S. L. Yuen).
Maple Star (Mr. S. W. Pan).
Pumelo (Mr. Proulx).
Sapper (Mr. Marshall).
Venus Bay (Mr. Black).
Viceroy (Mr. L. B. Chao).

The ponies to watch here are: Contact, Grand Allegiance, Maple Star, Sapper and Viceroy. Sapper under Mr. Marshall is greatly fancied, although it has not shown up to any marked extent in training. But, on the other hand, Viceroy has done a good gallop over the Derby distance, and on that account it is sure to attract a large number of followers. Grand Allegiance also should have something to say at the finish, while Contact is quite fast over sprint distances, and is quite capable of extending the others. I nominate Sapper to win, with Viceroy second and Grand Allegiance third.

RACE NO. 9: CURRAGH HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION) FROM THE TWO MILE POST ONCE ROUND AND IN:

This is the second leg of the "Daily Double," and will be confined to "C" Class China ponies classified as at 31st. December, 1939. Strathbannock, winner of the Castle Peak Handicap over the same distance at the Eleventh Extra Meeting, should win, but it will have to stave off the challenge of Advancing Time, which is very fit at the moment. Guinness Time (Mr. P. Wei), which ran second to Strathbannock in the same race, has had its weight reduced by 10 lbs. and may do better this time. Then there is Sylvandale (Mr. Hearne), which is very lightly treated, and it may cause an upset here. Taking everything into consideration, I think Strathbannock should win, with Advancing Time second and Guinness Time third.

RACE NO. 10: SYDNEY MAIDEN STAKES (THIRD SECTION) SIX FURLONGS:

The last race of the day, will be contested by the third lot of new Australian ponies. I need only refer to ponies that have done well in morning training, and I believe that the winner will come from one of the following:—

Cheerful Star (Mr. S. W. Pan).
Conniebar (Mr. L. B. Chao).
Far View (Mr. H. C. Pih).
Sea Jay (Mr. Proulx).
Sparrow (Mr. P. Wei).
Vanity Fair (Mr. Hearne).

I consider Far View to be the best here, and in my estimation it should win comfortably, with Sea Jay and Sparrow fighting it out for the other position. I must state, however, that Cheerful Star is coming along nicely, and for those who are prepared to take the chance, a bet each way may turn out profitably. I also recommend Conniebar for attention.

INDOOR BOWLING

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Hearther And Venezia Have The Best Records

BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

(By "STRIKE")

OWING to the Chinese New Year holidays there has been a dearth of matches played but in my next week's "Jottings" I will have some really good match to comment upon.

The final of the Singles Championship between M. F. L. Haymes and J. H. Watts was played last night but I am afraid I will not be able to include it in this article.

There was quite a good Ten Pin match played on Tuesday night between our old friends, the Champs and U.S.S. "Asheville," which resulted in a decided win for the Champs by 438 pins.

The individual scores were:—

THE CHAMPS

"Dick" Venezia	893
"Ernie" Hearther	808
"Doc" Molthen	768
"Gene" Faggiano	703

Total3172

"ASHEVILLE"

W. J. Balaski	782
L. S. Pawloski	704
C. G. Cunning	628
M. O. Gray	620

Total2734

I must candidly admit that the standard of play all round was not up to expectations, this no doubt being due to the sudden rise in temperature; it certainly was a sultry evening!

There was only one score of 200 registered, that being by Ernie Hearther in his second game, the nearest to this being 194 by Dick Venezia in his 4th game, followed by Balaski with 191 on his 2nd game.

I expected a much better performance from Hearther, but I suppose he has not got his "Land Legs" back yet—he has just returned from Home leave in the States.

Venezia was the star bowler of the match, his bag being 893 or an average of 179 per game. Not bad, but Dick can do better than this.

Ernie Hearther was second top scorer with 808, or an average of 162; this is much below what I know he can do.

It is interesting to note the various averages during this match of each individual player:—

CHAMPS:—Dick Venezia 179; Ernie Hearther 162; Doc Molthen 154; Gene Faggiano 141.

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HIDDEN TALENT IN THE COLONY?

(By "STRIKE")

THE management of Hong Kong Bowling Alleys, some time ago, seriously considered the possibilities of a series of Interport Ten Pin matches, but, owing to the difficulty of arranging teams to travel to Manila and Shanghai, due to the unsettled state of the Far East, it was thought impracticable.

Shanghai, however, has solved this problem by a proposed Telegraphic Interport Tournament between Shanghai, Peiping, Manila, Cavite, Tientsin and Hong Kong.

As one who is in constant touch with the accomplishments of the various outstanding Ten Pin bowlers in Hong Kong, I have no hesitation in stating that I feel that the Colony team will give a good account of themselves. I will even go further in stating that I have full confidence in their ability to be somewhere near, if not at the top of the Tournament at its conclusion.

I have in mind various outstanding Ten Pin Bowlers who are quite worthy of representing this Colony.

Of course when all details of the Tournament are to hand, the Hong Kong public will be invited to participate through the medium of the Press—for there may be some hidden talent that I am unaware of.

The eligibility of Naval units to participate will probably be a moot point on which a statement cannot be made until more definite news is received from Shanghai.

It appears certain, however, that members of the British China Squadron will not be able to compete unless attached to some permanent establishment, such as "Tamar," because, as with other Interports, the argument has always held good that these British naval men are just as much Shanghai men as they are Hong Kong.

The case of men from U.S.S. Mindanao, however, seems to me to be rather different. I understand that the vessel is attached to Hong Kong and, this being the case, I see no reason why some of their really excellent bowlers should not turn out for us.

I have gone back through my match records and made out a fair average of the principal Ten Pin Bowlers in the Alleys, in the matches and Tournaments, but I have found from past experience that many players play higher pinnage games in ordinary matches than they do in matches or tournaments.

Hearther 162; Doc Molthen 154; Gene Faggiano 141.

ASHEVILLE:—W. J. Balaski 157; L. S. Pawloski 141; C. G. Cunning 128; M. O. Gray 124.

Joe Harvey, being on duty, was unable to turn out, otherwise I am convinced that the Asheville team would have done much better than they did on this occasion.

BLOUNT MAKES NO MISTAKE

Corp. H. Blount, of the Royal Signals, made no mistake about putting up the highest Ten Pin score for this month to date. This he made on Wednesday, his effort being as follows:—

Starting off with 6 strikes in a row, a break on his 7th frame to make 8 with his first ball and a 9 with his second, followed by a spare, 3 strikes and a 9 with his last ball.

It was truly a great score and he well deserved it, there being no element of "Joss" in the whole game.

In a previous article I mentioned that I expected great doings from this player.

The position of the monthly records up to time of writing this article stands as follows:—

TEN PINS

Ladies:—Mrs. E. Stevenson 168; Men:—Corp. H. Blount (R. S.) 235.

DUCK PINS

Men:—T. W. Wright (R. S.) 133.

BEST RECORDS

Suffice for me to give the ten leading Ten Pin Bowlers of whom I have records in matches and Tournaments, not forgetting that if their accomplishments in ordinary games were added the average pinnage would be higher.

Ernie Hearther	177
Dick Venezia	171
J. S. Landolt	169
Doc Molthen	169
J. H. Watts	163
M. F. L. Haymes	161
J. R. Fawcett	161
L. Gaddi	160
H. Blount	158
M. Tolan	157

These are followed up by such fine players as G. Somerville, Chas. Miller, A. W. Muenker, Gene Faggiano, to say nothing of several other good players.

It must be borne in mind, however, that the foregoing is average pinnage for matches played and not ordinary matches. For instance I give as follows their record high scores in the Alleys:—E. Hearther 244, 234, 250, 250; R. H. Duddridge 252; J. R. Fawcett 264; L. Gaddi 234; A. Davons Lill 234; J. S. Landolt 248, 248, 234; E. G. Faggiano 243; R. Venezia 246; G. Somerville 252; H. Blount 255 (up to time of writing for this month).

So it can be seen that we have a considerable array of known talent in Ten Pins in the Colony.

DERBY SWEEP

The sale of ticket for the Derby are still mounting and this morning over 600,000 had already been sold.
First prize at present will be over \$254,000.

BURFORD IS FIT

Rumours are rife as to whether Mr. C. B. Brown's Burford will go to the post in the Derby on Monday.

Interviewed this morning, Mr. Brown said that as far as he knew the pony was fit and would most certainly start. He would give no indication of what he thought his chances of winning were, explaining that the pony had a deformed fetlock which might give trouble at any moment.

Burford covered the Derby distance in 3.08.2 yesterday morning, clocking the last mile in 2.06.0 and the last quarter in 0.29.0.

Satinlight, Mr. Moller's favourite, has even better times to its credit, however, having covered the mile in 2.01.0 with a last quarter of 0.27.1.

WATTS WINS SINGLES H'CAP

The final of the singles handicap at the bowling alley yesterday resulted in a win for J. H. Watts (plus 20) by 79 points, 816-737, over M. F. L. Haymes (plus 25).

Watts scored 169, 190, 180, 146 and 151. Haymes had 25 added to his scores of 127, 120, 174, 170 and 121.

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MAIN football attractions during the week-end were the games in which the Saigon team were concerned and which resulted in victories for the local teams.

Saigon were hopeful of doing very well during their stay here and repeat the performances of 1938, when, at the invitation of South China Athletic Association they lost only one game and drew once in five played in the Colony.

The visitors played good football and displayed good ball control and speed but were woefully weak in front of goal a defect that cost them several goals.

Corea, of whom the Chief Justice paid great tribute at the Interport dinner, captured the admiration of the Chinese public by his coolness under pressure and his all-round displays. He never resorted to anything doubtful and played cleanly throughout the matches.

Playing at back there were times when he seemed to take up a half back position by his positioning and he was always marking his winger.

Tal, in goal, though unable to play in the last game, gave two grand exhibition of goalkeeping and, in the first game against Hong Kong, showed that he was a custodian of no mean ability. He handled the ball safely and showed good anticipation at all times.

FOOTBALL REVIEW

(By "REFEREE")

Paccini, in the pivotal position, played good third back games and his tackling, though robust, was safe.

Guichard and Tot were the best of the forwards. The former showed good speed on the wing but was starved in the Interport game and it was only against South China that he was prominent. More was expected of Tot in the centre-forward position. His shooting was poor and though he distributed well did not finish well!

HALVES SAVED H.K.

It was the intermediate line which saved Hong Kong from defeat. Williamson, Hsu King-seng and Soong Ling-sing were all in great form. Williamson revelled in the movements of the visiting forwards and throughout proved the main stumbling block of the opposition. Hsu spared nothing in his tackling and did not give the visitors time to settle, while Soong held his own against the forwards.

Blackburn was erratic at backs. He was dangerous in his tackling and was indeed fortunate that he was not severely penalised on at least two occasions during the game.

Lee and Fung were the pick of the Interport forwards. Lee played one of his best games for some time while Fung initiated most of the moves.

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THE Interport team returns from Shanghai to-morrow after doing their best in the Northern port. They lost, but it was not expected that they would hold Shanghai to such a small score. Their performance is an answer to those critics who doubted the advisability of sending a team North.

The Interport has been described as one of the worst for several years, but Hong Kong was not totally responsible for that state of affairs. Admittedly Hong Kong did not send their strongest team for various reasons, but after the Colony's performances, one cannot think highly of the standard of football at present in Shanghai. While the Interport games, both in Shanghai and Hong Kong, seemed to have been enjoyed by both players and most spectators, the referees in both ports seem to have come in for some adverse criticism by certain sections.

THE REFEREES

The first goal against Hong Kong in Shanghai was alleged to have been scored from an offside position, while in the game against Lido, the Chinese equalised several minutes after time should have been blown.

In Hong Kong, several alleged penalties were not seen by the referee in the first game, while a little tact might have been used by the official in the game against South China concerning the second goal.

No referee is infallible but on points of fact and as time-keeper of the game his decisions are FINAL and binding to both sides.

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LEAGUE soccer returns to normal this week-end. It is understood that Eastern are making desperate efforts for all their matches to be played off before April 15 when they leave for Manila.

They still have seven League games to play which include two postponed games, and possibly have three shield games if they reach the Final of the Senior Shield, making in all 10 games, and all to be played within the next eight weeks.

Eastern have always been very meticulous about their Home games and it is hardly reasonable to expect that teams whom they are to play away will be willing to make any sacrifice as regards gate receipts, by playing midweek games, just to oblige Eastern to leave Hong Kong in time.

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INTEREST IN LEAGUE BADMINTON FALLING OFF?

Very Little Progress Made In Last Few Weeks

ST. ANDREW'S FINEST WIN FOR SOME YEARS

(By "ADREM")

WHEN I mentioned some weeks ago that badminton this season had been conducted most satisfactorily, with the maximum co-operation of all clubs concerned, I am afraid that I was being rather too optimistic.

In recent weeks not more than a handful of League games have been played and, I might say, not all the parties which took the initiative in postponing had any justifiable reason, such as Camps, for doing so.

I would again appeal to clubs to get a move on; especially those clubs, in Junior Division, which have a chance of coming out on top. If these clubs postpone because they may happen to have one of their regular players unavailable, how then can they expect their more lowly brethren in the League table to carry on when they have no incentive other than the game itself for doing so.

Until University and Chinese "Y." only teams in Senior Division concerned with the championship, meet, it will not be possible to forecast the champions. Both sides have done very well and, with the fading out of Recreio, it is certain that the shield will go to one or the other.

Junior Division becomes more and more interesting. At the moment there are no fewer than four teams in the running.

NO UNBEATEN TEAM

Until Wednesday, the odds appeared to be overwhelmingly in favour of St. John's, but their unexpected defeat places a different complexion on the matter.

There now remains no unbeaten team. St. John's, Recreio, and St. Teresa's have all lost once, while King's, who started off with a bang to win their first four games in decisive fashion, have lost twice but are still interested.

I mentioned yesterday that I considered the strange line-up of St. John's as being responsible for their defeat and I think the St. John's captain will be the first to support this view.

In the absence of Peter Wilson, who was performing at the Charity Ball, Dick Maynard was brought into the team.

Now Maynard, although he played very pluckily on Wednesday and brought off some shots which must have surprised even himself, is not a championship player, and Beavan, despite being fairly well equipped in the matter of the smash and the drive, is not nearly as effective away as he is on his home court.

Having regard, therefore to the balance of St. Andrew's, the obvious line-up to have adopted would have been Eardley and Beavan, the Kwok brothers, and Norman Smith and Maynard.

I understand that there is a possibility that Eardley and Smith will be entering for the Colony doubles championship together so their desire to accustom themselves to each other's play is understandable. But why split up the Kwoks? I have little doubt that playing together the brothers would have won at least two games, if not three, and that was all that was needed.

The deed's done now and it is no use St. John's crying over spilt milk. They have been taught by experience that however weak the opposition might appear—and St. Andrew's is a team that should never be taken lightly—it is not policy to approach a game too confidently.

INTERESTING GAMES

As for the badminton itself on Wednesday, it was generally on the slow side but there were some exceptionally interesting games, which, with the ever-present prospect of a major upset, kept interest glowingly alive.

St. Andrew's got away to a flying start when Brown and Gillies beat F. Kwok and Beavan, and Bliss and Guest had much the better of their game with D. Kwok and Maynard.

Eardley and Smith, playing brilliantly, stopped the rot with a crushing win over Kew and Fincher. Two St. John's victories in the next round saw the teams start the final round all-square and it all depended on the ability of Brown and Gillies to beat Kwok and Maynard. They did and the game was virtually over as Kew and Fincher were considered certain to beat Kwok and Beavan. And so it transpired for St. Andrew's to secure one of their finest wins for years.

Most exciting game of the evening was between D. Kwok and Maynard and Fincher and Kew. The former pair secured a lead which they maintained until 19-all only for the St. Andrew's pair to go out by the odd ace after a grim struggle in which it appeared that Kwok and Maynard might pull it off at the last moment.

Eardley and Smith proved an ideal combination. Individually they were so fast and hit so hard that they could not be stopped

and they did virtually as they liked in all their games. The former Shanghai player really let himself go with his smashing and he hit harder overhead than I have seen him do in previous matches.

KWOKS HAVE TOO MUCH TO DO

Frank Kwok and Beavan at times were brilliant. Kwok covered the rear of the court for the greater part of all three games and was worked to death. In the later stages he showed signs of tiring and his usually sound game suffered in consequence.

Beavan's finest stroke was his smash but his lob service proved ineffective on a court over which obstacles abounded.

David Kwok was another who took far more upon himself than he was physically capable and although his deadly smash was much in evidence in the early stages, he was unable to bring it into operation in his last two games during which he made mistakes he rarely makes normally.

For the winners Guest and Bliss did all that was expected of them in winning their first game but they did not do too well thereafter.

Brown and Gillies were in great form, except in their game against Eardley and Smith. Gillies smashed well when the opportunities presented themselves, while Brown excelled at cleverly-disguised drop shots.

Kew did most of the work in the Fincher-Kew combination for the simple reason that the opposition concentrated on him. He was not nearly as good as he was last season. His drop-shots have lost their crisp accuracy, his smash is no more effective and he is much slower about the court. Fincher was shaky in the early stages but got going, especially in his final game, when his smash and clever angle-shots won most of the points.

St. Andrew's can now be expected to do much better in their remaining fixtures, although one thing is certain—no other team will under-rate them.

BADMINTON PAIRINGS

Following are leading pairings in "B" division of the Badminton League:—

"B" DIVISION

	Games		
	P.	L.	W.
H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui (King's)	21	3	18
Peter Lo and J. Tsang (St. Teresa's)	15	2	13
P. Wilson and N. L. Smith (St. John's)	15	2	13
S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung (King's)	15	2	13
John Chen and F. Tsang (St. Teresa's)	15	3	12
A. E. Xavier and H. A. Barros (Recreio)	12	2	10
H. Eardley and R. C. Beavan (St. John's)	12	2	10
H. Kew and E. F. Fincher (St. Andrew's)	15	6	9
R. E. Lee and F. S. Ko (K. Tong)	18	9	9
N. A. E. Mackay and B. P. C. Fletcher (K. Tong)	12	4	8
R. A. Marques and H. Goncalves (Recreio)	15	7	8
F. Kwok and D. Kwok (St. John's)	9	2	7
P. Wynter-Blyth and A. L. Fisher (K.C.C.)	9	3	6
J. L. Anderson and A. L. Fisher (K.C.C.)	9	3	6
B. C. Kavan and P. Wynter-Blyth (K.C.C.)	9	4	5
A. E. P. Quest and W. Gillies (St. Andrew's)	12	7	5
D. Kwok and R. Maynard (St. John's)	6	2	4
K. H. Lo and T. Lam (King's)	9	5	4
A. E. Brown and A. S. Silas (St. Andrew's)	9	5	4
N. A. E. Mackay and R. A. Yvanevich Jr. (Recreio)	12	8	4

LEAGUE TABLES

"A" DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Chinese Y.M.C.A.	4	4	0	32	4	8
University "A"	4	4	0	16	1	8*
Recreio	4	2	2	14	22	4
University "B"	5	1	4	12	23	2
Chung Wah	5	0	5	8	30	0

"B" DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
St. John's	6	5	1	40	14	10
King's College	7	5	2	43	20	10
St. Teresa's	5	4	1	30	15	8
Recreio	5	4	1	24	21	8
Kowloon Tong	6	2	4	21	33	4
St. Andrew's	6	2	4	23	31	4
K.C.C.	6	1	5	18	36	2
V.R.C.	5	0	5	8	37	0

MIXED DOUBLES DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Recreio "A"	4	4	0	29	7	8
St. John's	5	4	1	34	11	8
University	3	3	0	23	4	6
Recreio "B"	5	2	3	25	20	4
Talkoo	5	1	4	10	35	2
K.C.C.	6	0	6	5	49	0

* Two walkovers.

VARSITY WIN

A postponed match in Mixed Doubles Division of the Badminton League was held on Wednesday night at Cox's Road, Hong Kong University beating Kowloon Cricket Club 8 games to 1.

P. Wynter-Blyth and Miss B. Harker (K.C.C.)

lost to P. S. Bun and Miss Ulian Khoo 11-21

lost to K. L. Yong and Miss K. T. Hung

lost to M. S. Lim and Miss Uheng

Khoo

A. L. Fisher and Miss B. Parsons (K.C.C.)

lost to Bun and Miss Khoo

beat Tong and Miss Hung

lost to Lim and Miss Khoo

J. L. Anderson and Miss M. Stokes (K.C.C.)

lost to Bun and Miss Khoo

lost to Yong and Miss Hung

lost to Lim and Miss Khoo

K.C.C. TEAMS

Following teams have been selected to represent Kowloon Cricket Club in League matches against Civil Service Cricket Club to-morrow:—

First XI:—E. C. Fincher (Capt.), D. J. N. Anderson, E. F. Fincher, N. D. Lloyd, A. Zimmern, W. L. Rapley, D. Hung, R. E. Lee, T. A. Madar, B. D. Lay and A. N. Other.

Second XI:—W. Mulcahy (Capt.), F. J. Lay, G. E. Taylor, R. Baldwin, E. Curtis, G. A. Goodban, J. R. Luke, R. A. J. Simp-

VOLUNTEER CRICKET WEEK

The following teams will represent the H.K.V.D.C. on dates and grounds as below:—Monday, 19th Feb. v H.K.C.C. at H.K.C.C.:—R. M. King (Capt.), C. G. Aitkenhead, D. J. N. Anderson, D. de S. Carey, E. C. Fincher, R. H. Griffiths, N. D. Lloyd, H. L. Ozorio, E. M. L. Soares, E. Zimmern (W) and F. R. Zimmern.

Tuesday, 20th Feb. v K.C.C. at K.C.C.:—E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), D. de S. Carey, J. H. Fox (W), R. H. Griffiths, C. W. Haynes, R. M. King, H. Owen Hughes, A. K. Mackenzie, D. O. Parsons, A. E. Perry and F. R. Zimmern.

Wednesday, 21st Feb. v H.K.V.D.C. Officers at H.K.C.C.:—R. M. King (Capt.), C. G. Aitkenhead, D. de S. Carey, S. J. Cooke, G. E. R. Divett, R. H. Griffiths, N. A. E. Mackay, A. K. Mackenzie, A. Zimmern, E. Zimmern (W) and F. R. Zimmern.

Following teams will represent Hong Kong Cricket Club on Monday and the H.K.V.D.C. Officers XI on Wednesday, respectively. H.K.C.C. XI:—E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), B. C. Fay, Capt. D. C. E. Grose, M. F. L. Haynes, H. Owen Hughes, L. D. Kilbee, Capt. J. F. Lawrence, A. K. Mackenzie, D. O. Parsons, J. E. Richardson and D. S. Robb.

H.K.V.D.C. Officers XI:—Lt. Col. E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), Lieut. D. J. N. Anderson, Capt. J. H. Bottomley, Capt. R. R. Davies, Lieut. S. V. Gittins, Lieut. L. B. Holmes, Major H. Owen Hughes, 2/Lt. D. McLellan, Lieut. A. E. Perry, Lieut. A. M. Rodrigues and Major R. D. Walker.

C.S.C.C. TEAMS

Following will represent Civil Service Cricket Club in League matches against Kowloon Cricket Club to-morrow.

First eleven (home):—B. C. K. Hawkins (Capt.), K. J. Attwell, J. Barrow, W. H. Colledge, T. V. N. Fortescue, R. J. Fenton, D. Hollidge, F. E. Lawrence, A. E. Perry, J. E. Richardson, and N. Whitley.

Second eleven (away):—H. E. Strange (Capt.), G. Ainlie, V. C. Bond, H. F. Harper, T. L. Lockhart, J. P. MacGowan, R. G. Robertson, G. P. Stone, A. F. Sheppard, R. Lawrence, and A. M. J. Wright.

son, K. M. Baxter, R. T. Broadbridge, G. A. V. Hall and C. Pope.

TUESDAY'S GAME

On Tuesday K.C.C. will entertain the Volunteers at Kowloon; they will be represented by:—E. C. Fincher, E. F. Fincher, N. D. Lloyd, A. Zimmern, D. Hung, T. A. Madar, F. J. Lay, D. J. N. Anderson, E. Curtis and W. Mulcahy.

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Following are Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanning.

SATURDAY

Old Course
2.08 p.m. Lieut. Carter, Pay. Lt. Jessemann.
2.12 " R. J. K. Walker, P. C. Jackson.
2.48 " L. A. R. Duncan, S. L. Lloyd.

SUNDAY

Old Course
9.16 a.m. L. R. Andrews, F. D. Hunter.
9.20 " J. P. Murphy, R. M. King.
9.24 " E. G. Price, C. D. N. Walker.
9.28 " N. K. Littlejohn, H. N. Williamson.
9.32 " W. L. Alexander, J. W. Mayhew.
9.36 " S. H. Dodwell, K. S. Morrison.
9.40 " J. A. R. Selby, I. W. Shewan.
9.44 " D. Forbes, J. A. D. Morrison.
9.48 " A. E. Lissaman, W. J. S. Key.
9.52 " W. W. C. Shewan, L. Jackson.
9.56 " L. A. R. Duncan, A. H. Guinness.
10.00 " A. Mabb, R. C. Gairdner.
10.04 " H. J. D. Lowe, J. Linaker.
10.08 " W/Cdr. Steele Perkins, R. Puckle.
10.12 " M. Pollock, F. A. M. Elliott.
10.16 " R. J. K. Walker, G. Thomerson.
10.20 " G. Haynes, C. F. Marshall.
10.24 " J. M. Pearson, R. R. de I. Lisching.
10.28 " C. C. Black, G. C. Worrall.
10.32 " R. B. Mace, D. C. Lonsdale.
10.36 " S. T. Butlin, H. A. Mills.
10.40 " E. J. Faggiano, J. W. Clague.
10.44 " P. E. Annis, S. S. Church.
10.48 " A. N. and Q. A. A. Macfadyen.
10.52 " A. H. Penn, J. R. Collis.
10.56 " B. D. Evans, C. H. Matthews.
11.00 " A. E. Farves, T. Megarry.

11.04 " R. C. Stewart, W. G. Robertson.
11.08 " H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.
11.12 " Major Mackenzie, J. C. Taylor.
11.16 " K. A. Munro, Major Temple.
11.20 " E. W. J. Wedlock, A. G. James.
11.24 " D. H. Clark, Surg. Lt. Cdr. Cleave.

New Course

9.20 a.m. G. Riddell-Carre, F. W. Chandler.
9.28 " Mrs. Hillier, A. D. Murdoch.
9.36 " S. C. Feltham, R. G. Parker.
9.44 " J. G. Jensen, Miss Cuthbertson.
9.52 " N. D. Lloyd, A. Jummay.
10.00 " L. M. S. and Mrs. Lloyd.
10.08 " Miss Tylor, H. G. Sheldon.
10.16 " Mrs. Jensen, Miss Blackburn.
10.24 " Major Giles, W. G. Macfarlane.
11.04 " Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Robertson.
11.08 " Mrs. Overy, Mrs. Mackenzie.
11.20 " Mrs. Wedlock, Mrs. James.

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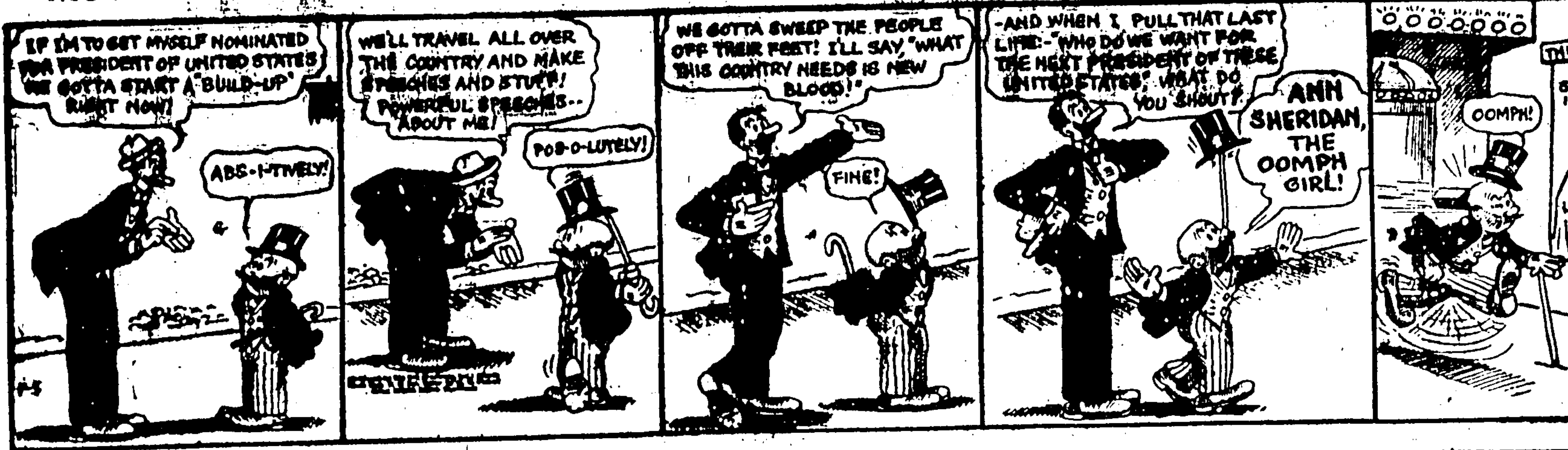
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Piano—Piano Pie. Intro: Nobody's Sweetheart; Waggon Wheels; Why Do I Love You?; Last Round-up; Whispering; Bon Bijou; Tell Me To-night; Dinah; Mean to Me; Someday I'll Find You; Night and Day.... George Scott Wood.
Vocal—Flower Song (film 'Rainbow on the River').... Bobby Breen.
Vocal—You Were So Charming (Carr & Hilda); I'm Your Slave (Brunelle & To-vev).... Charles (Gerry) Fitz Gerald

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8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—STUDIO—Concert by Elvie Yuen (Soprano) and Father A. Riganti (Piano).
1. (a) Nen conosco il bel suel (from "Mignon"—Thomas); (b) Donde Lieta (from "La Boheme"—Puccini).... Elvie Yuen (Soprano) with Piano accomp. by Father Riganti.
2. Two Mazurkas (Chopin).... Father Riganti at the Piano.
3. (a) Venu e l'Aprile (Donaudy); (b) Pur, Sprate (Donaudy).... Elvie Yuen (Soprano) with Piano accomp. by Father Riganti.
4. Two Songs Without Words (Mendelssohn).... Father Riganti at the Piano.

5. (a) Drifting (Grieg); (b) A Dream (Grieg).... Elvie Yuen (Soprano) with Piano accomp. by Father Riganti.
8.30 p.m.—HAYDN—Symphony in G Major ("Military"). Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Bruno Walter.
8.54 p.m.—STUDIO—Talk on Psychology by Father G. Byrne, S.J.—1: My Own Back Parlour.
9.05 p.m.—SONGS by Paul Robeson (Bass).
The Blind Ploughman (Radelyffe-Hall & Clarke); The Cobbler's Song (from "Chu Chin Chow"); Snowball (Carmichael).... with Orchestral accompaniment.
9.15 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—News Summary.
9.30 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—"World Affairs" by Wickham Steed.

9.45 p.m.—Compositions of Elgar.
Like To The Damask Rose (arr. Ha Wood); Queen Mary's Song (arr. Ha Wood).... Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by Haydn Wood.
La Capricieuse, Op. 17.... Bronislaw Berman (Violin) with Siegfried Schu at the Piano.
Serenade in E Minor for Strings, Op. London Philharmonic Orchestra c by Sir Edward Elgar.
Speak, Music!.... Peter Dawson (B Baritone) with Piano accomp. by Ge Moore.
Contrasts, Op. 10, No. 3.... London Harmonic Orchestra cond. by Sir Edw Elgar.
10.15 p.m.—SONGS by Esale Ackl (Contralto).
Homing (Del Riego); Coming Home (mot-Willeby); A Summer Night (Go Thomas).... with Organ accompan by Herbert Dawson.
10.26 p.m.—A Variety programme v Noel Coward, George Formby, F ence Desmond and Others.
11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

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SLAM BID SHOULD BE MADE

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North, Dealer

♠ A 7 3
 ♥ A Q 8 5
 ♦ Q 6 4
 ♣ A 9 2
 ♠ J 8 2
 ♥ J 4
 ♦ 10 9 5
 ♣ Q J 10 6
 ♠ K Q 10 9 6 5
 ♥ K 7 2
 ♦ A 3
 ♣ 8 4
 Mrs. Clement

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	6♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Seeing no point in ducking, Mrs. Clement went right up with dummy's club Ace. With eleven sure tricks, it looked as though her best chance for the needed extra trick would be in hearts. A squeeze was possible. Therefore Mrs. Clement ran off her six trumps, discarding one diamond and the two remaining clubs from dummy.

This brought every one down to six cards, and East quite properly had retained four hearts and the King-Jack of diamonds. Mrs. Clement now tried the heart suit, and although they failed to drop, she continued with her last heart, throwing East on lead. East of course then had to lead from his King of diamonds, which gave Mrs. Clement the contract.

You were Howard Schenken's partner yesterday and held:

♠ A x x
 ♥ K J x x
 ♦ K x x
 ♣ Q J x

The bidding:

Schenken	Burnstone	You	Jacoby
2NT	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Your correct response is six notrump. You surely want to play six and are perfectly willing to have your partner go on to seven if he has maximum two-notrump bid. Score 100% for six notrump, 60% for five notrump, 40% for seven notrump (an overbid), 10% for four notrump, 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION NO. 245

Both sides are vulnerable and the opponents have 60 on score. You are the dealer and hold:

♠ A x x
 ♥ J x x
 ♦ K x x
 ♣ A x x

What is your correct bid?
(Answer tomorrow.)
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HOCKEY

Y.M.C.A. BADLY BEATEN

(By "SPORTSHAWK")

A team from H.K.S.R.A. yesterday overwhelmed Y.M.C.A. by 5 goals to 1 in a friendly hockey match at King's Park, after leading at the interval by two clear goals.

Neither side was in full strength and "Y" were short one back throughout; their defence, consequently, was smashed very badly, especially towards the end when they allowed Gunners to score two goals in quick succession.

The loss of Austen, who has left for England, was in great evidence in their attack.

Yesterday they were disorganised and with the exceptions of Stone and White, in the forward line, and Wakefield, in the pivotal berth, played badly.

The Gunners' forwards displayed better team work and hit hard, while their halves' spilling was effective.

The goal scorers for the winners were Mana Singh (2), Dalip Singh (2) and Rajah Khan, and White netted for "Y".

Y.M.C.A.:—Benwell; Jordan and (no back); Smits, Wakefield and Colledge; Macey, Stone, White, Coombe and Baldwin. H.K.S.R.A.:—Dalip Singh; Taca Singh and Yusuf Khan; Dost Mohd, Abdul Rahman and Sadhu Singh; Khuda Bux, Mana Singh, Dalip Singh, Rajah Khan and Shohd Ali.

CHESS TOURNEY

The following are the latest results in Colony Chess Championship:—
B. S. Litvin beat V. V. Kalatchoff
Biriukoff beat L. Blair; K. Weiss beat Henry Pollock; B. S. Litvin beat Biriukoff; D. E. Carvalho beat V. V. Kalatchoff; Sir Henry Pollock beat L. Blair; K. M. A. Barnett beat C. K. Weiss.

THE STANDINGS

	P.	W.	D.	L.
B. S. Litvin	3	3	0	0
K. Weiss	4	3	0	1
K. M. A. Barnett	2	2	0	0
E. Zimmern	2	2	0	0
Sir H. Pollock	4	1	1	2
D. E. de Carvalho	2	1	0	1
L. Blair	3	1	0	2
A. Biriukoff	4	1	0	3
A. Kurrik	2	0	1	1
V. V. Kalatchoff	4	0	0	4

NAVY "A" RUGBY TEAM

Following have been selected to Rugby for Navy "A" against Club "A" tomorrow on Army Ground, Sookunpoo, off 3 p.m.

Sig. Brierley; Tel. Bowden, Midshipman O'Riordan, A. B. Gordon, Sub. Lieut. Hill; Midshipman Nicoll, Sto. Gall; L. S. A. Palmer, Lieutenant (E) Brov; O. Smart, Flight Lieutenant Taylor, Writer King, Pay Midshipman M. Shpt. Eager, Midshipman Murray-Jones. Reserves—Ldg. Wtr. Barlow, Tel. nywill, Mne. Jeffries and Pay Sub. tenant Sumner.



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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB**ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1940**

17th, 19th, 20th, 21st and 24th February.

On SATURDAY, 17th, MONDAY, 19th, TUESDAY, 20th, and WEDNESDAY, 21st February, the first bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m., and the first race will be run at 12.00 NOON. On SATURDAY, 24th February, the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

The tiffin interval will be after the fourth race on the first four days of the Meeting.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURES

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 10.00 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 12.00 NOON ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy, (Tel. 21920).

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting. No amahs will be allowed on the Fifth Day.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffins will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY, on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 11th February, 1940.

**NOTICE**

The EVENING INSTITUTE will re-open on MONDAY, 4th March, 1940.

Entry forms may be obtained at the Education Office, Fire Station Building or at the Trade School, Wansai.

W. L. HANDYSIDE,
Director.

**NOTICE****TRAFFIC REGULATIONS DURING THE RACES**

I. It is hereby notified that on the days fixed for the Annual Race Meeting at Wong-Nei-Chong (February 17th, 19th, 20th, 21st and 24th), the following Regulations, under Ordinance No. 2 of 1869, will be in force:—

1. All vehicles going to the Races at Wong-Nei-Chong will proceed clockwise round Happy Valley via Wong-Nei-Chong Road to the entrance gates.
2. Vehicles must proceed at a slow speed in the vicinity of the Race Course.
3. Vehicles will be parked in the vicinity of the Race Course as directed by the Police on duty.
4. Dogs are not allowed on or near the Race Course. Any dog found straying on or near the Race Course is liable to be destroyed.

Note.—Kennedy Road will be open to light motor traffic from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

II. Extra Race Meeting during the year 1940—On days fixed for Extra Race Meetings.

One way traffic will be enforced in Wong-Nei-Chong Road. Kennedy Road will not be open to motor traffic.

PARKING OF CARS AT THE RACE COURSE

1. The Stand at the public entrance is reserved for Jockey Club Stewards and Officials only.
2. Morrison Hill parking ground opposite Civil Service Club and Village Road reserved for Private Cars.
3. Ventris Road reserved for Public Cars.

T. H. KING,

Commissioner of Police.

Hong Kong, 16th. February, 1940.

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB**TENNIS TOURNAMENT**

Entries close on Saturday, 24th February. Forms are obtainable from all Clubs affiliated to the H.K.L.T.A.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, No. 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the 28th February, 1940, at noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1939.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Thursday the 15th February to Wednesday the 28th February 1940 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
V. M. GRAYBURN,
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Hong Kong, 8th. February, 1940.

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London, To-day.

THE SKIPPER OF THE 12,000-TON steamer, "Sultan Star," sunk by a U-boat (itself immediately afterwards destroyed) in the Atlantic on Wednesday, on the arrival of the survivors in England yesterday, described the wireless operator, Mr. P. G. Windsor, as the bravest man he had ever seen.

"As soon as we were hit in a vulnerable spot," he said, "I ordered Sparks to send out an S.O.S. call and in the face of imminent peril, he continued to send out message after message."

S'HAIR ROADS AGREEMENT

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.
AN AGREEMENT ON THE VEXED QUESTION OF CONTROL OF THE EXTRA-SETTLEMENT ROADS IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF SHANGHAI IS TO BE SIGNED THIS AFTERNOON BY MR. CORNELL S. FRANKLIN, CHAIRMAN OF THE S.M.C., AND MAYOR FU, OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF GREATER SHANGHAI.

It is understood the agreement deals with the modus vivendi of policing the roads.

The roads in question adjoin the Settlement and are in Chinese territory. They were built and are maintained by the S.M.C.

Recent attempts by the Greater Shanghai Municipality to take over the roads led to serious disputes and a number of armed clashes.—Reuter.

"The ship was gradually slipping down backwards into the water as she was rapidly filling up astern."

"When the stern was completely under water with the bows high in the air, I warned Sparks that he must take his chance by abandoning with the rest of the crew, but he insisted on staying at the transmitter until he was certain that the messages had been picked up."

"And he did."

"When he left the wireless cabin, the funnel was already under water, with just the edge lying on the surface, the ship half submerged."

"We had given up hope of seeing him again when she appeared about to plunge, but after contacting a British warship, he appeared on the port side and jumped for it. In less than a minute, the "Sultan Star" had foundered."—Reuter.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone appears to be moving eastward, pressure being highest in the vicinity of Shanghai.

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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Although no details are yet available, a flash from New York states that another United States munitions factory has been the scene of a serious explosion, suspected to be due to sabotage. Eight were killed and troops have been sent to assist in rescue of the injured. — Havas.

Helsinki, To-day.

The Russians are attacking on a wider front — in the north of the Karelian Isthmus only the narrow Taipale River separates the armies.

The Russian troops now attacking at Summa and Taipale are much superior to those previously encountered. — Reuter.

A woman patient in the Queen Mary Hospital threw herself from the fourth floor of the institution at 1 a.m., to-day. The body was removed to the Public Mortuary.

London, To-day.

The wreckage of the Italian steamer Giorgio Ohlsen has been found off the East Coast. Seventeen of the crew were saved. — Reuter.

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